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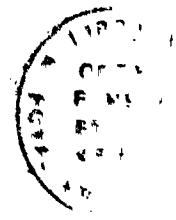

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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 8, 1727.
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TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE,

We wrote Your Honours by Ships Lyell, Essex and Middlesex dated 26 Jany, and by the Mary a short Letter to inclose her Invoice and Bill of Lading. Those Ships sailed out of our Road the 28th January. ℔ Stanhope.

All the eight Ships bound hither are arrived and by them we recd. Your Honours Letters dated 25th Novr. 1726, 21st Decr. 1726, 17th Feby. and 24th Do., together with one relating to the new Charter dated the 17th Feby, and Copy of th[at]. ℔ Princess Ann to Benecoolen dated 25th Novr 1726, to all which we propose to reply very fully by the Princess of Wales, and in the interim take the opportunity of the Stanhope's coming round to lye the Season on this Side, to give Your Honours an Account of what material Occurrences have happen'd here.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

The London Captain Robert Bootle arrived here the 6th April with a short Letter from Your Honours, as did the Hertford Captain Nelly the 10th May. The former sail'd for Bengal the 18th April and the latter the 19th May and we are advis'd from thence they are bo[th] safe arrived.

The Princess of Wales Capt. Ma[cket] & Prin[ce William Capt.] Gilbert [. . . .]. The former we shall return an early Ship, The other proceeded for Bengal the 10th July.

Captain Gordon in the Montague arrived the 23d July, Captain Williamson in the Bridgwater the 25th, Captain Boddam in the Walpole the 4th Instant, and Captain Sheppeard in the Lethieullier the 5th, which are all the Ships consign'd us this Year.

The Sarum, let out last Year on Freight from the Bay, imported from Surat the 7th June and proceeded for Calcutta the 2d July.

Your Honours Ship Marlborough arrived from the West Coast, the 21st June. The Supravisor and Council had sent the Carnarvon to Benjar for a loading of Pepper but she was not return'd when he came away.

There have been two Ostend Ships on the Coast this Year, which are both gone to Bengal. We wish Your President & Council there may be able to occasion any Interruption to their Business, but by our latest Advices from them we hear that the Ostenders have a grant of Priviledges equal to the Dutch in that Kingdom.

Captain Pitt having apply'd to us for leave to bring ashoar some Goods belonging to Your Honours, which he affirms to have been damaged not by any carelessness of his but by having been obliged to receive his Pepper aboard wet, We did not care to intermeddle in the examination of it, but allow'd him to bring ashore the Goods and wash them agreable to his request at the Owners Expence.

Your Honour's Brigantine George came from Pegu the 17th March, whither we last Year advised Your Honours we had sent her to refit. She is in very good Condition and did not cost any thing near what she would have done [at] the Bay [and she has done] one trip to Fort St. David since, from whence she brought us a loading of Bales and some old useless Timber and Plank, remainin[g] of what provided for the Buildings.

The Prince Augustus sail'd the 11th May from Batavia on her Voyage to China, as we have heard by private Letters.

There are two French Ships arrived with rich Cargoes at Pondicherry, It is said 72 Casks of Silver on the Sirene and 70 on the Lys.

The Bridgwater sails this day for Bengal.

SECONDLY, AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

The 23d Febr, we sold the remains of Silver in Your Godowns to Shava Chitty at $14/\frac{7}{16}$, which was a very good price considering the Manilla Ships were then expected with large quantities.

We took out of the London twenty Chests of her Silver to coin into Rupees, but could coin only ten of them, without detaining her too long for Your Interest. Of the Hertford's we took out thirty Chests to be coin'd ready against the other Ships should come in, and sent her without them, believing that the fifty Chests on the London and thirty by her, and thirty six Chests of Rupees put on board in the Room of the thirty Chests taken out of her would be more than sufficient for the President and Council to pay off their Interest Bonds and carry on the Investment, till the other Ships should arrive with them, and that it would be more Your Interest to have the Silver ready for the other Ships than to have them stay for coining, We had before sent twenty Chests of Rupees to Bengal on the Elizabeth in the Month of March, by which Your Honours may observe we have kept the Gentlemen in Bengal fully supply'd. We also sent [. . .] Chests of Rupees on the Sarum.

We had a very large quantity of Iron on hand to the Amount of twelve hundred Candies, and as we expected more we resolved to sell off at Outcry, all but one hundred Candies, which was accordingly done, and it sold in a Medium at 9 : 12 :— ℔ Candy. The Lead we have a better Market for, not selling under 18 Pags. ℔ Candy.

We have lent Capt. Pitt of the Stanhope twelve Guns, which were lying useless at Fort St. David. He wanted them to stiffen his Ship, and has promis'd to deliver them to Your Honours Freight-free. We offer'd to sell them to him at three quarters of a Pagoda ℔ hundred weight, but he refused, and as they were entirely useless here, we thought it a good opportunity to get them sent home.

The Madera Wine by the Princess of Wales was sold to Messrs. Turner, Emmerson & Hubbard, at forty five Pagodas ℔ Pipe, which was five Pagodas ℔ Pipe more than the Commanders sold their's for, and consequently above the Market. We thought it a very good offer, and hope for Your Honours approval of the same.

The Owners of the Lyell have been indulged one fourth of a Dollar in ten Pagodas on thirty Chests of Silver for China. The Market was fourteen and three Eighths and they had the Silver at fourteen and five eighths.

This all that we know necessary under this Head, except to advise that the Broad Cloth is all Sold and the Merchants Godowns cleared, so that Your Honours may again send us the usual quantities Yearly.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

Under this Head till we send the Princess of W[ales . . .] we shall not be particular [*a few words lost*] [sha]ll therefore only say that we have made a Contract here for three thousand Bales, and expect performance of Two thousand five hundred, to which quantity we have indulged the Merchants, and promis'd to remit the Penalty on the remaining five hundred, if they comply so far. At Fort St.

David, the Merchants have engaged for fifteen hundred certain, and promise their endeavours for two thousand. Vizagapatam and Ingerum we hope will furnish us near eight hundred Bales, so that in the whole we think we may depend upon upwards of four thousand Bales of good Cloth. As we do not by this conveyance send our Consultations we shall only say, it is owing to very extraordinary care that Your Merchants have been prevail'd upon to undertake as they have done. We take all imaginable pains to oblige them to provide good Cloth, and at the same time to prevent their suffering by false sorting and throwing out Goods equal to or better than Muster, and doubt not but the present indulgences will make them exert themselves to the utmost.

Your President & Council in the Bay have so overstock'd us with Salt petre and other Stores, that we were obliged to write them that we would return whatever they should in future send us, without being first demanded, on their own Account and Risque. We wrote Your Honours last Year somewhat about this matter, as we did to them, but till we took this Resolution, we could not prevail on them to stop their Hand.

We have directed M[r] Pitt to provide some Sucatoons in imitation of Cambrick, which we hope when received will answer Expectation.

We have fully supply'd Vizagapatam and should also Ingerum; had not the last Cloth from thence been so very bad that we were obliged to return three Bales of it, on M[r]. Blunt's hands.

We have likewise been obliged to cleanse the Wash[er]s Tanks, they being so full of Mud, th[at it is scarce] possible to wash a pe[ice] [*one line lost*] we doubt not Your Honours will approve.

We appointed new Musters of ordinary Long Cloth and Sallampores for Fort St. David & Vizagapatam; but having now receiv'd new ones from Your Honours, we shall regulate our Selves to them, and for the future sort by Them.

We had resolved not to permit the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to deviate at all from Your List of Investment, but upon receipt of a Letter from them advising that their Merchants could not engage on those Terms and also because we were in great need of their assistance, we have agreed, that they may purchase one third fine Cloth, provided it shall prove better than what lately sent from thence; but have wrote them 'tis only on those Terms we indulge them in the extraordinary allowance of fine Goods.

We have granted M[r]. Symonds a Lease of a peice of ground, on which he proposes to build Houses for Washers, and thereby hopes to get all the Vizagapatam Cloth washed there and performed as well as with us, which will be a vast advantage, it often occasioning the detaining of a Ship several days, and that late in the Season, when the Vizagapatam Cloth comes up brown.

Having for a long time suspected that our Merchants picked out the best of our ordinary Long Cloth, and laid it aside for Nagore Cloth, we have been obliged to resolve that we will not provide any of that Sortment, and are in hopes that we shall now have that Cloth brought in among the ordinary which they have long imposed on us as Nagore, and thereby gain'd a considerable advance in the Price.

Fourthly, Touching the Trade of India, and therein any Transactions with th[e Coun]try Government.

As to the Country Government, It continues in great disorder chiefly to the Northward, but it is not any very great disturbance to our Business.

For our own Trade, So many People have fail'd lately chiefly of the Seafaring People, and it has so much involved Your Servants and others permitted to reside here, that we have been oblig'd to make an Order for registring all Respondentia Bonds, that thereby People may be secure in lending mony.

Abundance of People who have come out of late Years chiefly those who have not been permitted by Your Honours have insinuated themselves into the good opinion

of People here and in other parts of India, and by taking large Sums at Respondentia, unknown to the Persons who employ'd them, have got Voyages, and when on their return they have been incapacitated to pay their Debts by other means, they have made a practice of borrowing for a new Voyage to clear old Debts, which has at last involved many Persons in their Ruin. To prevent which, we came to the Resolution abovemention'd, and we are in hopes that People being hereby enabled to know what every Supra Cargo takes at Respondentia they will be the better able to judge of their Capitals, & by that means often avoid letting mony to People that are not able to pay them, tho' they outwardly appear in tolerable Circumstances.

We have also resolved to put Your Honours Orders in execution relating to those who have not your permission to reside in India. We are too sensible of the ill consequences of their continuing here, both to our own and Your Honours Interest ever to permit them. We should the last Year have sent some home but that their Effects being dispersed in India, we were prevail'd on to let them stay till next Season to collect them in.

This Year we have rec^{d}. advice of the loss of [two vessels] [*one line lost*] to the Sufferers, and for which we have acknowledged the Civility. The other was of the Margaret belonging to M^{r}. Orme, between this Place & Bengal. Very little was saved. What was, has been paid into Your Cash, on occasion of a dispute between the Owner & Freighter about Salvage.

M^{r}. Pitt has rec^{d}. advices from M^{r}. Naish this Year, by the way of Batavia, that the Dutch are endeavouring, and are in hopes of obtaining a Settlement at Benjar, for which end, they have two Ships there this Year. We don't know whether such a settlement will any ways prejudice Your Honours Interest; but if Bencoolen flourishes as there is some Reason to hope it will, we do not apprehend any ill consequences to Your Affairs by it.

Fifthly, Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs and Revenues.

A Godown near Charles's Bastion used for the Gunner's Stores being in very bad condition, we were obliged to repair the same. The Estimate of the Expence was Eighty one Pagodas thirty one Fanams.

We likewise order'd a general review of the Buildings and found necessary Repairs to the amount of P^{s}. 916 : 16 : 40, which we order'd to be set about. The Consultations by the Princess of Wales will give Your Honours an Account of the several particulars; till then, we beg You to be perswaded we would not have expended so much mony, or any part thereof, without a real necessity, and to prevent a much greater by delay.

The Silver Mint is not yet finish'd, nor the Powder-house begun upon. It will be set about as soon as possible.

The Revenues here are the same [as when we] last wrote Your Honours, except [*one line lost*] Surveys of the black Town, and by the new Rent Roll is an advance of P^{s}. 356 : 22 :—upon the last. We hope there will be no great Sum to be wrote off at the end of the Year, but somewhat is unavoidable. That which hath been has proceeded chiefly from the poverty of some of the Persons taxed, which is now avoided; and partly by poor People's dying, who while they lived were able enough to pay a few fanams, but their Widows & Children left behind, have scarce had sufficient from their labour to support themselves.

At Fort S^{t}. David, the Beetle and Tobacco Farm and the Rent of the Bounds, are Let as the last Year, which is the utmost they will as yet bear.

We have this Year confiscated a Bale of Shawls, which were endeavour'd to be run at the Sea Gate, and in consequence thereof made an order to regulate the Manifests which have for many Years been grossly neglected. The Order is to oblige the Commanders to make a full manifest of what they bring under pain of Confiscation of what they shall import without it.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

We must begin this Head with the unfortunate Account of the Deaths of Messrs. Houghto[n] and Pyott of Council and Mr. Fullagar Junior Merchan[t] and Mr. Rosewell Factor, which have occasion'd several Alterations as hereunder.

We have supply'd the Vacancies in Council by Messrs. Samuel Hyde & Augustus Burton's Admission to it. In Mr. Burton's room, Mr. Croke goes to Fort St. David, and his place at the Sea Gate is supply'd by Mr. Paul Foxley, who is succeeded as Under Warehousekeeper by Mr. Mansel.

Mr. Hyde has succeeded Mr. Hough[ton] as Sto[rehousekeeper and Mr. Pyot as] Land Customer [and the] Employ of Scavinger is now executed by Mr. John Lauder, who hath relinquish'd his Place at the Sea Gate to Mr. Nicholas Morse, and in his room we have appointed Mr. Mansel Register of the Choultry.

Mr. Stephen Newcome succeeds Mr. Fullagar as Under Paymaster. Mr. Humphrey Holcombe has laid down Your Service, and in his room we have appointed Mr. Graham of Council at Fort St. David.

Paupa Braminy Your chief Dubash dyed suddenly, and is succeeded by one Gruapa, a capable substantial Man.

Mr. Pitt Your Deputy Governour of Fort St. David went thither the 20th Feby. and came up again hither the 5th Instant to proceed in the Commission sent out to Your President and him and Mr. Turner. We last Year advis'd Your Honours of the Death of Mr. Higginson.

The Soldiers sent out this Year, are most of them arrived. We have paid the Surgeons Headmony, as by their Receipts in the Packet.

The Season has not only proved Sickly, but so dry, that Rice is excessive dear, insomuch, that we were obliged to lay in a Provision for the Garrison of fifty Garse, which is distributed to them Monthly, and Payment stopp'd at the Pay Table for the same.

We last Year gave Your Honours an Account of the Death of Mr. Woolley. His Estate was paid into Cash and a Dividend made as far as it would go. Mr. Ramsay's was lately paid in, and one Henry Ross's late Steward of the Hospital both which we shall advise further of, by the latter Ships.

Mr. William Monson had a Chest of Silver came ou[t on the] London, for which he [*one line lost*] in England, and Mr. Charles Barrington one by the Montague, but no License appearing we have taken Bonds of them to be accountable for the produce, and deliver'd the Chests. We beg Your Honours will in future, let such licensed Silver be enter'd in Your Manifests, that we may act with the greater certainty in those matters.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

We advis'd Your Honours that we had made it a rule to deduct fifteen ℔ Cent. out of the Washers Payments, in order to reduce their Debt which they were pretty well contented with for some time, but of late the scarcity of Grain has made it impossible they should subsist with so large an Abatement. We have therefore been obliged to reduce it to ten ℔ Cent., which is as much as they can bear.

We have upon request of the Jesuits Attornies paid them an half Years Annuity to the end of April, for the conveniency of making the remittance to China the same Year. The whole twelve Months Interest was before payable in October, which by this means we have made to become due in April, and have cancell'd the Old and granted a new Bond, payable the last of April, which we hope Your Honours will approve.

It has been for many Years a Custom to receive Gold into the Mint at a Weight adjusted to Troy weight, in proportion as nine Pagodas were to an ounce Troy, which weight being three eighths ℔ Cent. heavier than Troy weight, occasion'd a very great trouble to the Merchant, and sometimes caused suspicion in People who did not much understand the Thing. We have therefore laid aside those Weights,

and directed that all mony deliver'd into or out of the Mint shall be [weighed] by Troy weights only.

[*One line lost*] all the Accounts from thence, by the Princess of Wales, and shall only say here, That the Supravisor left Mr. Carnegie Deputy Governour there, having brought away with him Mr. Walsh the late Deputy Governour, whom we had dismiss'd on Account of his Male Administration and Debts. Mr. Tempest was order'd from Batavia to Benjar on the Carnarvon, and was not return'd when the Marlborough left that Coast.

The Register of Diamonds on this Ship amounts to five thousand & sixty one Pagodas, Captain Pitt's Register of Goods to eight thousand nine hundred & seventy Rupees.

That this Ship may meet a safe and speedy Passage home to Your Honours, and that Success may attend all Your Affairs, are the earnest Wishes of

Fort St. George,
Augt. 8. 1727.

Honourable,
Your Faithful humble Servants,

James Macrae
George Morton Pitt
Nathaniel Turner
John Emmerson
Randal Fowke
James Hubbard
Samuel Hyde.

Register of Goods Laden by Capt. Wentworth George Pitt on board the Stanhope Vizt.

5 bas:	Quilts five bales cost four hundred & fifty rupees ...	Rs.	450 —
20 Caskets	Rangoes twenty Caskets cost four thousand five hundred rupees	,,	4500 —
30 bags.	Saltpetre thirty bags cost three hundred rupees ...	,,	300 —
4 Chts.	Olibanum four Chests cost one hundred & fifty rupees	,,	150 —
4 bags.	Myrrh four bags cost one hundred & Eighty rupees.	,,	180 —
3 bales.	Surat peice goods three bales cost four hundred and fifty rupees	,,	450 —
30 ps.	Succatoons thirty peices cost Six hundred rupees ...	,,	600 —
16 bas.	Cardimums 16 sixteen bales cost Eight hundred rupees	,,	800 —
23 bags.	[Cowlus] India twenty three bags cost one hundred rups.	,,	100 —
1000 bunds.	Rattans one thousand bundles cost Six hundred rupees	,,	600 —
3000	[Canes] three thousand cost four hundred rupees ...	,,	400 —
4 Leagrs.	Batavia Arrack four Leagurs cost two hundd & forty rups.	,,	240 —
4 buts.	Arrack four butts cost two hundred rups.	,,	200 —
	Eight thousand nine hundred & seventy rupees ...	Rs.	8970 —

Mdss Augt. 7th 1727. Wentworth George Pitt.

Register of Diamonds licensed to be laden on board the Stanhope.

By Messrs. Nathl. Turner & Aaron Franks.

R.B. No. One bulse value five thousand & sixty one pagodas consign'd to

Mr. Richd. Benyon—P. 5061.
Fort St. George Augst [*lacuna*] 1727.

George Torriano
Secry.

List of the packet by Ship Stanhope.

No.

1. General Letter to the Hon'ble Compy's Directors dated 8th August 1727.
2. A Packet recd. from the Cheif & Councill of Anjengo.
3. Captn. Pitt's register of goods amtg. to Rs. 8970.
4. Register of Diamonds amtg. to P. 5061—dated & sign'd by ye Secretary.
5. List of Covenanted Servants dated 8th August sign'd by ye Secretary.
6. Surgeon of the London's receipt for head money.
7. Surgeon of the Prince Williams's receipt for head money.
8. Surgeon of the Mountague's receipt for head money.
9. Surgeon of the Princess of Wales's receipt for head money.
10. Purser of ye Lyells rect. [. . .] his packet.
11. Captn. Pelly's receipt [. . .]
12 Purser [*a few words lost.*]
13. [*lost.*]

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, Dated September 22, 1727. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 6, pp. 14—46.*]

To the Honble: the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honble: United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

Honourable

1. The 8th of August last we wrote You by Captain Wentworth George Pitt Commander of the Stanhope who came round from Bombay to lye the Season. He set out the next day for Fort St. David where his Ship was but did not sail from thence as we have been advis'd till the 29th of that Month. ℔ Prss. of Wales.

2. In that Letter we advis'd what material occurrences had happen'd since the departure of the last Year's Ships, In this we propose to be more full and to Reply to the Letters Your Honrs. have sent us this Year, which We shall do under the usual heads, and first

Concerning Shipping Sent out or Return'd

3. We have already advis'd the arrival of the eight Ships this Year sent out and of the Sarum from Surat & the Departure of the London, Hertford, Prince William, Sarum and Bridgewater. The Mountagu went away the 29th: August and the Lethieullier in Company with the Walpole the 5th: September all bound to Bengal.

4. The Mary belonging to your Honrs: brought us last Year from Vizagapatam two hundd: & six Bales which being brown We could not send by her they therefore Remain'd here after the dispatch of the last Year's Ships Since which We have Recd. from thence by the Mary Brigantine seventy nine Bales. From Ingerum have also come one hundd. and sixty Bales and from Maddepollam eleven, all which were expected for the last January Ships but came up too late.

5. [By six] trips of the Ramah Sloop We have receiv[ed . . .] forty four Bales from [*one line lost*] two hundred more, which Vessel We sent thither to earn something while she lay in the Road waiting for a Ship from Bencoolen whither We did not care to send her till We had advices from thence.

6. The George Brigantine was Refitted so cheap in Pegue last Year that We had determin'd to send the Marlbrough thither likewi[se] she being in want of Sheathing and some other necessarys, and experience has long shown us that there is no sending one of Your Honrs. Vessel[s] to the Bay under the expence of five to six thousd.

Rupees. The Marlbrough Sails as this day with only fifteen hundred Ounces of silver with which We doubt not she will Refitt and bring a Lading of Timber & Plank that will near defray the expence.

7. The George Brigantine will sail in a few days for the West Coast of which we shall speak more fully under its proper Head.

8. Captain Sheppeard of the Lethieullier deliver'd us in Consultation of the 7th August a Representation as there Enter'd setting forth that one of the soldiers by name Henry Pendre having been convicted of stealing a parcel of Brandy from the Boatswain was thereupon sentenced to run a Gantlope & accordingly the People being drawn out the Fellow began to Run but as he came to the Gangway he took a spring into the Sea at a time that the ship ran eight knots so that it was impossible to save him. This Affair is attested to have happen'd in the above manner by all the Officers of the ship and two of the soldiers he brought out.

9. We have already advised the Arrival of the two Ostend ships and their proceeding to Bengal and of two french Ships at Pondicherry. The news of these Latter which we have hitherto been able to learn is that they brought out one of them seventy two, the other seventy Casks of Silver a small parcel of Br[andy] [and some] Wine, One of these Ship[s] [*one line lost.*]

10. In our Consultation of the 13th June Your Honours will find a Request from Captain Wentworth George Pitt about some Bales damaged of which We advis'd in our former Letter which he desired we would permitt him to bring ashoar & rewash at the Owner's expence, Copy of his Bill of Lading with the exceptions is enter'd after that Consultation.

11. Having thus given Your Honrs: an account of what remarkable has happen'd under this Head We come to Answer that part of your Letters which belong to it.

[2]5th Novr 1726 par: 2d. 12. We were heartily glad to read the account of the safe arrival of the several Ships mention'd in this Paragraph.

3d. 4th. 13. The eight Ships consign'd us are already advis'd of, the Prince Augustus left Batavia in May, as to the Princess Ann and Duke of Cumberland we have not yet any advice of them nor indeed can it be expected We should.

5th. 14. We shall whenever We receive any orders from the Secret Committee punctually obey them.

[17]th Feby. 1726 par: 3d. 15. We are happy to find Your Honours approve of our proceedings in the several particulars here mention'd and shall punctually observe to continue our care in them, The Copys of the Surveys of the Princess of Wales before We loaded any Goods is enter'd after Consultation of the [*blank in the original.*]

The Dispatch Register of Private Trade & Survey of her Guns Powder & Shot all come in the Packet as do the Receipts of the surgeons of the London, Princess of Wales, Prince William, Mountague, Lethieullier and Walpole for Head money. Captain Macket has taken no Salt Petre but what directed by Charterparty and We have advised him about Raw Silk Tea and Rattans.

4th. 5th. 6th. 16. We last year advised the reasons for buying the Marlbrough to which Your Honrs. will please to be referrd. The George is Refitted. The Arrack [and Sugar] from Bencoolen proves tollerable [. . . longer] experienc[e] will [*one line lost*] Bata[via . . .].

The Grantham carried some of the Arrack to St. Helena. We are very carefull that the Minutest Expence be not allowed unless absolutely necessary. Vessels are not to be hired now Trade is forbidden to the Country Ships at that Port, When they were permitted to go We would sometimes put what We had to send on board of them when we paid Freigh[t] for no more room than was taken up by us but to hire one now We must pay for the whole Vessel which would not turn to any Account.

7th. & 17. We have receiv'd the Lords Commission[rs.] of the Admiralty's approval of the Tryal of the Pyrates.

18. The proportion recover'd of the Present made the Syrang of the Goodfellow was just as will Appear by the Report Transmitted Your Honours at that time. 8th.

19. Our President Reported to us in Consultation of the [*blank in the original*] that he had employ'd Captain Boddams Diver to go down to the Dartmouth['s] Wreck who had accordingly been but that nothing was recoverable there being no Signs of a Wreck but a Spot of black Sand lying between the Surfs and the Engine consequently incapable of Working or a boat of riding there. 9.

20. We have made Captain Sheppeard pay for a deficiency of Lead short deliverd ashoar here & shall recover of any of the Commanders such deficiencies, We observed the Charterparty directions but sometimes the Commanders absolutely refuse to pay at which times we endorse the deficiencies off of the Bills of Lading. 10.

21. The money advanc'd the Macqua's to purchase Catamaran Wood has been repaid a considerable time, We hope we shall have no such necessity again but if there be We will take care to secure the paym[t]. 11.

22. We have no platforms for our Boats because they are too small and will not work if stiffen'd but We have always what is as good, that is a large quantity of Brushwood laid in the bottom of the Boat which [keeps] Bales high enough out of th[e] Wa[ters . . .] to cover the Bales [. . . .] Top and Bottom with good Tarpawlins so that ther[e is] little probability of their getting damage in the Bo[at]. The Platforms would make the Boats so stiff that [they] would not bear our Surf but either break to piec[es] or oversett however the Bales are full as well sec[ure] as if we had them. 12.

23. It has not been in our power th[ese] two Years to repart the Coast and Bay Goods hav[ing] found so much difficulty in providing Cloth the [last] Year We could get very few Goods till late in the Season and this the most of what we have will come on this ship but we have desired the Gentlemen in Bengal to send us up Tonnage for two thousand Bales and to save the charge of Freigh[t] We have also desired they will order two of those shi[ps] to touch at Vizagapatam to take in what Goods are ready there. 13th.

24. We have had no Salt Petre from Bengal this Year, when We demand any We shall take care to desire the Gentlemen there to send it [up] upon Your own Ships. 14th.

25. Captain Macket in the Princess of Wales finding us well provided for sending an early Ship very voluntarily offer'd to go home upon Condition that We would recommend him to your Favour. He hath behav'd himself very well and is a worthy Honest Man and deserving of Your consideration on which Accounts We venture to recommend him to your Honours Favour, His not going to the Bay will be a considerable loss to him in his private Fortune and therefore his readyness to go home directly must proceed from the Hopes of it's being agreeable to Your Honours.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

26. We have not kept an Ounce of Silver here this Year except the thirty Chests sold [the] Owners of the Lyell and a few Rupees remaining unfinish'd in the Mint when the last ship went for Bengal and she stay'd as late as We durst venture her so that [. . . .] assur'd Your Hon[rs]. will see We have al[most . . .] Interest in this Affair more than our own Conveniency. Though t[he] Gentlemen in the Bay have thought fitt in severall Letters to Reflect upon us as if We designedly kept back their Silver and in order to make good their charge have very odly Debted this Presidency for the forty Chests which they sent by your Hon[rs]. orders to Bombay which could be done with no other View but to make an equality in the account of Goods sent to and receiv'd from them that thereby it might not appear how carefull We had been to give them Assistance.

27. We have already advis'd of the Sale of the Remains of the silver before the arrival of the Europe ships and of the thirty Chests since to the Owners of the Lyell, as also of the Iron, Broad cloth, Madeira Wine &c[a]. so that we have nothing to add upon this Article but that We Agreed in Consultation of the [*blank in the original*] to

sell fifty Candys more Iron at nine Pagodas and a half, The Remainder being as much as We shall dispose of between this and the arrival of the next Ships. The Account Sales of the former parcel of Iron is enter'd after Consultation of the 27th March.

28. The Gentlemen at Fort St. David hav^{s}. advis'd us of a parcel of Druggets & Camblets that lay there invendible because the French who formerly bought the greatest part had of late Imported some stuffs of their own which serv'd instead, We order'd them up hither and they accordingly came on the George Brigantine and shall be sold at Outcry for what they will bring.

29. The Leakage of the Madeira Wine was three a half Pipes in the fifty though as by the Report enter'd after Consultation of the 27th June it was very well stowed in the ship.

30. All the silver this Year rec^{d}. came out agreeable to Invoice except Chest N°. 426 ℔ Mountague which is Invoic'd Mexico but contain'd two Bags Mexico & two French Crowns.

31. Your Honours will observe by the Invoice and Bill of Lading of this ship that We have Return'd [*blank in the original*] Bu[ndle]s of Old Arms which are quite worn ou[t and usel]ess.

32. Upon delivering over the Remains of Stores there was found a deficiency to the amount of Three hundred and one Pagodas thirteen fanams & thirty three Cash as ℔ List at the end of Consultation of the 23^{d}: May which We permitted to be wrote off to Proffit and Loss it arising from the usual accidents of Rust Leakage &c^{a}. which is annually allowed for this way. The Account Remains was Interchangeably sign'd the 13th June.

25th: Nov: 1726. 6. 7. 8. 33. The Treasure by the London as well as the other Goods were immediately sent down by her. The other Goods design'd us by the latter ships arriv'd safe.

21st: Decr: 3. 4.

21st: Decr. 1726. 1st. 34. We have already advis'd the sale of the Madeira and hope Your Honours will approve thereof We have also advisd the Gentlemen in Bengal of the price We sold at, for their Government.

2d. 35. We will punctually obey the Orders in this Paragraph relating to the Lead, as there is no danger of it's spoiling We shall not hurry the sale of it.

5th: [1]7th Febry 1726. 15. 16. 36. The Goods mention'd in the Invoices and Bills of Lading of the several ships are all come safe.

17 57. The Woollen Goods are now all sold & we think grow again in demand. Our List for the Year 1729 comes in the Packet. All this quantity could not be got off without exportation, accordingly a ship belonging chiefly to your President the last season bound to Surat carried away a great deal and no endeavours or Instances have been wanting to spur the Merchants on to get ridd of the large quantity they had on hand, And tis with pleasure he sees his Pains have been successfull without suffering them to run in Debt for any of it. So that what We receive next Season will We hope find a ready Sale.

18 38. We have had no complaints of the Cordage sent out this Year If we have we shall observe Your former Orders about it.

20 39. The Lead spared the Minters for Refining we carefully see is employ'd to that use, but our price for all [o]ther is now eighteen Pagoda[s.]

21 40. [We are] very Strict in our ex [amination] of the Stores & [with an eye perpetu]ally to Proffit [. . .]and do Assure Your Hon^{rs}: We permitt nothing of that kind to be done till We are convinc'd the Fact is as it is stated The fifteen Ship Carriages among the Gunner's Stores were some of those on which our Guns are Mounted for We do not use Field Carriages on the Walls and Bastions and having been long expos'd to the Weather were grown useless and broken, The Mortar Carriages were of the same kind though We take all imaginable care to preserve them with Oyl and Dammer

Yearly. The other Articles are more easily to be Conceiv'd and as to the Bees Wax, the Worm is very pernicious to it here though We use all possible precaution to prevent them by burying it and frequent cleaning.

41. The price of Iron still continues at the low rate your Hon^{rs} : mention but as our Godowns are now pretty nigh clear'd if the Danes bring none out and that our foreighn Markets are not overstock'd otherwise We hope We shall be able to get a better price for the next. We read with pleasure your Approval of our selling of all perishable Remains and assure your Honours you shall have no Cause to complain of our negligence in any Affairs of yours under our Direction. 19 22

42. It was certainly very great negligence in the people who had the charge of the Cloth Timbers Arrack &c^{a} : at Fort S^{t} : David to let them lye as they did however as We promis'd for our Selves in the preceeding Paragraph So your Deputy Governour does for himself here, that he will see that the several Persons at Fort S^{t}. David entrusted with the care of any of your effects do prevent any the like cause of complaint for the future. They well know our Resolutions in those Cases and we do not think they will venture to give us Cause to put them in Execution. 23

43. We have had no complaint of short Measure in the Broad cloth since We advis'd your Hon^{rs}. 24th

44. Your Hon^{rs} : will observe by our Consultations that We frequently advance money to your Merchants now on Account the Goods they bring which We did not begin to do till all their Debts [were] clear'd both on account the Contracts penaltys [. . .] Broadcloth [*one line lost*] before was the non apprehension we had of their being so backward in performance of their Contracts for till we came to find them so We kept no Watch upon their exportation of Cloth which was lodg'd in their own Godowns but so soon as Your President found with what ill will they proceeded in providing the Cloth and came to make up their Accounts, He took effectual care to prevent their increasing their Debts and though we sold them the next Years Cloth yet they were not permitted to take it into their possession till they paid down the money for it, By these means We have happily conquer'd that great difficulty and clear'd the vast Debt he found them Involv'd in at his Enterance upon this Government. 35th

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

[45]. It is not to be Imagin'd how many difficultys still Subsist to prevent the providing Cloth agreeable to our Musters, There are very great ones from the Merchants but they are near as great from the Sorters themselves who have been so frighten'd with the Chancery Bill that We have been obliged to resolve as in our Consultation of the 9th January which is already gone home, That the Sorters should mark the Turn'd out Cloth as well as that taken in with the Initial Letters of their Names That so if any were thrown out which were equal to the Musters they might be check'd for the same, With all this We have as yet Embald only about thirteen hundred Bales in this place. The Contract made with our Merchants this Year, agreeable to which the Fort S^{t}. David Contract is also made will shew your Honours how many Indulgencies we have allow'd them it is enter'd after Consultation of the [*blank in the original*]. We need not (we are convinc'd) repeat the many difficultys that we found in prosecution of this Affair, the slow progress we make in it will be a sufficient Evidence that 'tis nothing but a strict disciplin that keeps Your Merchants to any Terms.

46. In our former Letter We advis'd Your Hon^{rs}. that We had fully supplied Vizagapatam with money We have [sent] thither upwards of forty thousand Pagodas though We have but small expectations from them by the last advices, which Imported that they had ready no more than two hundred and fourteen Bales. As for M^{r}. Blunt We determin'd a Supply from hence for him bu[t] on a review of his Cloth it was so bad that We were forced to return five Bales on his Hands and that put a Stop to any supply from us though from Vizagapatam he has had some We have Accounts in their several Letters [to] the purport as follows.

47. Letter Receiv'd N^{o}. 21 from M^{r}. Blunt say[s] that he will mend his Hand about the Izzarees and Sallempores fine and Longcloth super fine, but in N^{o}. 20 he

tells us the Weavers will not make better Izzarees without an advance in the price which we would not permitt. In N°. 26 He endeavours to excuse the Badness of the last receiv'd Cloth which is only on Account the surprize he was in at our Complaints and promises of an Amendment if we should trust him again, but We have left the supply^{s}. him entirely to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam.

48. From Vizagapatam the first Letter after M^{r}. Symonds's Arrival is N°. 38 complaining of troubles in the Country, which Impeeded the Investment & that Ingerum and Quotapatam were both equally plagued.

49. The next Letter is N°. 51 advising that the difficulty of bringing the Weavers to alter the staple of the Thread to make it Agreeable to the Musters M^{r}. Symonds carried with him had retarded them a month but that it was over and that M^{r}. Blunt's Cloth by a Muster sent them was better than the last, They advise that they hope to be able to Wash their Cloth as well as We do ours. The next N°. 57 they tell us the utmost quantity they can hope for is five hundred Bales In that Letter they set forth the Utter impossibility of providing Goods agreeable to the new List of Investment affirming that the price paid for the Coarse goods is more than they are Invoic'd to Your Hon^{rs}. and that if they were not allowed a greater proportion of Fine, there was nothing to be done. We for some time refus'd, but at last upon due consideration it was resolv'd in Consultation of the [*lacuna*] to Indulge them in the former proportion which is 1/3 fine and 2/3 course. We are very sensib[le] We ought not to Deviate from Your List of Investmen[t] but when unavoidable Accidents occur and where [(as] in this Case) a st[rict] Observance of them would so [far] disappoint [our] Investment We hope we shall [*one line lost*] still full of complaints of the difficultys they find in procuring good cloth.

50. M^{r}. Sanderson sent us as We before said eleven Bales on the Frances a little too late for our last Ships but as they prov'd to be good Cloth We have already supplied him with six thousand Pagodas and he gives us hopes of fifty Bales this Year.

51. At Fort S^{t}. David we go on tollerably well. We had as We before wrote your Hon^{rs}. got new Musters for that settlement but as You have been pleas'd to send some out we shall sort by them after this Contract is over.

52. We have seen some Musters of Succatoons which your Deputy Gov^{r}: M^{r}: Pitt procur'd for us made in Imitation of Cambrick, Upon a thorough Examination We approv'd of a standard at 9 Pagodas ℔ piece of forty Covids long and full yard wide and directed them to provide as many as they could and to take in those of a more ordinary Sortment at a proportionable Abatement.

53. Tha Permall whom with much difficulty your Deputy Governour last year prevaild on to enter upon a Contract after his utmost endeavours was not able to compleat it, but M^{r}: Pitt has this year found a Sett of Merchants who have Agreed with him as We before advis'd to furnish fifteen hundred Bales their Names are Tapermal Chittee, Tondiva Ragapilla, Verago Chitty, Comrapa Chittee, Tricom Chitty and Arnagela Chitty, And as we believe it will be perform'd We look upon it as a very happy step & such as will again set your Investment there in a very regular way, for when once the Merchants find a possibility of complying with their Contracts and avoiding the penaltys they will more readyly come into them, as for Tha Permaul the good Inclination he showd and his Industry in performing to his utmost have pleaded so strongly for him that We have laid no penalty upon him, But we have not been able to get the new set to comply with the alterations in the List of Investment, We before told your Hon^{rs}: We had forbid the taking in any Nagore Cloth because it was an Imposition and the best of the Ordinary was always picked out for that.

54. The Invoice of this Ship will shew your Hon^{rs}: what Sortme[nt] of Goods We have sent upon her We have therefore only [to offer some] remarks thereon.

55. The Long cloth and Sallempores N°. 1 & 2. are as usual to which We have added a N°. 3 of Longcloth ord^{ry}: at twenty nine Pagodas, of Sallempores ordinary @ twelve and a half, of Longcloth Midling at thirty four Pagodas and fine at fifty, You will please to observe We have no N°: 1 fine, Of the Sallempores midling there

is no N°: 1. The N°: 3 is at fifteen Pagodas two fanams ℔ Corge. There are no fine Sallempores at all none being brought in Agreeable to our Musters, Of the Moorees Ordinary we have got no N°: 1, and have mad[e] a N°: 3. at sixteen Pagodas or rather We have sorted what was formerly N°: 1 & 2 at 19 & 17½ to 2 & 3 at 17½ and sixteen, The same of the Moorees fine, The Ginghams & Bettillas 40 & 50 Covids are as usual and as great care has been taken in the Sorting we hope they will prove satisfactory.

56. The Fort S[t]. David Goods are Longcloth Ordinary N°: 1 & 2 Midling N°. 2 & 3 Midling blue N°. 1. 2. & 3. Sallempores ordinary N°. 1 & 2 Midling N°. 1. 2. 3. Midling blue 1. 2. 3. and no fine Goods at all.

57. From Vizagapatam are the three Sortm[ts]: A B & C with the O A O B & O C of ordinary, the latter marks are such Goods as are equall in Goodness to the former but are somewhat short of the Measure for which there is a proportionable Abatement in the price. Of the Midling are only three Bales N°. [A]—Of the Fine are the two Sortments A & B with the short Measure Chop. Of the Sallempores Ordinary are the 3 sortments & the short measure & one Bale marked T B. There is also of the Longcloth Ordinary & Sallempores Ordinary some marked A A or better than N°. 1. the one at 32 Pagodas the other at 14 Pagodas ℔ Corge In the Sallempores Midling & Fine are the two No[s]. A B with the short Measure O, and three Bales of half Sallempores which We hope will be Approv'd.

58. From Ingerum comes Longcloth Ordinary N°. 1. 2. with the O chop, Longcloth & Sallempores fine of several Sortments Viz[t]. N°: 1. twenty three Bales at fifty three Pagodas, N°. 2 eleven Bales at fifty, The remaind[r] are packed in parts & consist of the Superfine at sixt[y . . .] Pagodas and Superfine fine for Shirts at one hu[ndred] and twenty There [are] also some Sallempores Sup[er Fine] at Fifty ei[ght . . .] the Corge also desig[n . . .] Shirts & three [*one line lost*] M[r]. Blunt advis'd us he could get no more. From Metchlepatam are ten Bales which being the first We shall be glad of Your Hon[rs]. Orders relating to them.

59. Before We answer Your Hon[rs]: Letter under this Head We must beg your attention to a dispute between the President & Council at the Bay & ourselves. We last year complain'd to them of the vast quantity of Salt Petre and other Stores they sent Us, We wrote them it lay perishing in our Godowns and beg'd they would send no more, nay we gave the Bay ships their Kintlage proportions before they went down, notwithstanding which they sent us upwards of three thousand Bags, Upon this We came to a resolution in Consultation of the 31[st] January That if they sent us any more we would return it on their own proper Account & risque, Of which We advis'd them by our Letter N°. 5 and receiv'd an Answer N°. 29 wherein they tell us they will not allow Us to be Judges when we have a sufficient Quantity of Salt Petre & insist upon a Right to send us what quantity they think fit, We have Answer'd them very Mildly upon the subject as Your Hon[rs]: will observe by our Letter sent N°. 17. determining to drop any Disputes which may so manifestly tend to your Detriment although we are ill used thô in Cases relating to our selves we would have let those Gentlemen See we were under no ties to them. There were a few Anchors sent us from the Cape which lying deep in the ships Hold We last year sent them down as knowing that it would be very troublesome to take them out and also that as many more ships go from Bengal than from hence, There was the quicker Vent, and this they retort upon us as an equivalent for the Salt Petre but with how little Justice we beg Your Hon[rs]: to determine.

60. They have this Year demanded eighty Tons of Redwood which We have sent them and have agreeable to their Request advis'd them We hope for two thousand Bales In January and desir'd them not to overload us with Tonnage.

61. The last Letter told Your Hon[rs]. we had been oblig'd to reduce the deduction in the Washers pay to ten ℔ Cent from fifteen which it was before. We have entrusted the Merchants with making the payments to them [whi]ch they do mostl[y . . .] abundance of these Washers wh[o . . .] pretend [the . .] making the Debt[*a line lost*] have left us, so that We have not hands sufficient

to Wash the Cloth and at Fort S^{t}. David they have hardly enough fo[r] themselves So that we can have no assistance from them, But with great pains the rest are kept tollerably easie.

Your Honours will likewise please to consider further that th[is] Debt began in the great Famine in M^{r}. Collet's time when they had but five Mercal of Rice for a Pagoda and their pay is so small now that they can but just Subsist their Familys and as this was the true rise of the Debt We believe Your Hon^{rs}. will upon Mature Consideration quit the Demand or elce we shall be forced to send you a large quantity of brown Cloth on the January Ship or keep a Ship in the Country till September.

62. And here We cannot help telling Your Hon^{rs}: we think it will be for your Interest to quit that Debt or else we shall never be able to get our Cloth Wash'd in time We have now above one Thousand Bales lying brown in the Godowns which We are very apprehensive We shall not be able to get Washed for the January shipping however We only propose this to your consideration and in the mea[n] time shall continue the Deduction as long as possible We can.

63. The List of Investments is arriv'd and shall be as near as possible comply'd with but We have already advised it is impossible to be done exactly either at Fort S^{t}. David or Vizagapatam nor indeed can We do it here.

64. We wish the Gentlemen in Bengal may succeed in their endeavours to provide Coffee.

65. M^{r}. Savage's Lacker'd Ware comes on this Ship, a Calculate of the Value is in the Packet N°. 26 and th[e] Measurage computed as exact as possible is ninety nine cubical Feet.

[66.] What we have above said will shew Your Hon^{rs}. the State our present Investment is in and what difficultys We have still to Conflict with We may say the Weavers have mended the Fabricks though not so much as We could Wish which gives us so much the more trouble in Sorting but [elce] is not attended with further ill effects. The Merchants still lay hold of every thing as a handle for not producing better Goods and it is th[e] Nature of them so to do but however We hope to compl[eat] our Contracts this year with the addition of the N°. 3 & [. . .] We think ca[n] be no Inconvenience since We are certain [*one line lost*] The Weavers are certainly paid much better prices than formerly and take more pains.

67. We have already advised what quantitys of money we have sent to Vizagapatam. Ingerum is supplied from thence having been some time since made Subordinate to it not but that we would have supplied it from hence but that We judged it proper to have the Chief there to Controll M^{r}. Blunt which he being but a few days Distance had an opportunity of doing better than We and of knowing his proceedings. We do constantly Inspect the Cloth brought from both Factories to see that it comes up to Muster, M^{r}. Blunt shall have particular Advice of what you write concerning his Cloth.

30 31 68. We shall take particular care in our Sortments and follow the Musters Your Hon^{rs}. have sent out both for this place and Fort S^{t}. David whither we have sent those design'd for them.

32 69. We continue the Method of examining each piece of Cloth by two Sorters and they to chop all the Cloth they sort and We doubt not Your Hon^{rs}. will find the good effects thereof in the Cloth You receive.

33 70. Your President continues his constant Attendance at the Sorting Godown to see what is doing and done as also to Inspect the Cloth from the Subordinate Factories and promises a continuance of the same fidelity and care.

34 71. We observe the Indulgence You are pleased to grant the Merchants in permitting us to take in Short Measure Cloth at an equivalent Abatement as also that which does not answer Sample but as We hope to do without We shall not go upon that Method till We see whether We have sufficient Tonnage for the Ships without it.

72. We hope the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam will be able to whiten their own Cloth, We hav[e] not these two years been able to send any to the Bay however the method We are now in of getting the Beng[all] Ships to touch at Vizagapatam saves the charge of Freight. 35

73. We have not had any of the L, C, M, I, since that parcel se[n]t Your Hon^rs^. The N°. 3 Long Cloth Ordinary here is at [. .] Pagodas ℔ Corge, We think [the price is] rather too high [. . We] shall endeavour [*one line lost*] get an Abatement though it is better than what Your Hon^rs^: mention in this Paragraph to have been Invoic'd at twenty eight.

74. All the blue Cloth this year is in half Pieces, there is none of the Fine procurable at the rate We sent that Parcel home. 38

75. We take all possible care in the Dying the blue Cloth and it is as deep a Blue as We can make it for the price, None is made deeper here, If Your Hon^rs^: please to have it yet deeper than what now sent We will obey but the price must be advanced. It is well Cured & dryed before packing. 39

76. We shall always give due encouragem^t^. to our Merchants and have already advisd them of your Orders relating to Cloth better than Muster We do not yet find any Effect from it but doubtless when they have had time to Consider the advantage it is to them they will mend their hand for when they are sure of an advance price in case the Goods are better than Contracted for they need not stint their Gomasters in the Country to any certain price but may give them a greater Lattitude in their purchases. 40

77. The Indigent Circumstances of the Fort S^t^. David Merchants & the necessity of getting others made us easie with them, and as your Ships have not been dead Freighted and We are now in a better Scituation We do not apprehend severity could have been of any use since it would have too much terrified all the Substantial Men at Fort S^t^: David who were before sufficiently scared at the Strictness of our Proceedings and had We not relaxed from our Terms would never have Contracted. It has been with no small Skill and Pains that they are again brought to a more easie Temper and that they go on with Chearfulness in t[he] Investment at present. 41 42

78. We have appointed a Committee to examine into the affair of the Pepper and they deliver'd their Report in Consultation 18^th^ Sep^r^. whereupon We have adjusted the Sum to be paid by the several persons Concern'd in the following proportions— 43

M^r^ Elwick—	Pag^s^	888—32—
M^r^ Turner & M^r^ Benyon each	,,	666—24—
The rest of the Council each	,,	444—16—

but M^r^ Oadham being dead and his Effects long ago return'd home we [*one line lost*].

79. We have been obliged again to prohibit the exportation of Silver for We could get no work in Your Mint while it lasted and as we this year had none of your's to sell the difference in price did not affect Your Hon^rs^: and though We our selves were in some Degree Sufferers thereby yet as there was an apparent advantage to Your Hon^rs^. We laid aside all Views of private advantage and Resolv'd in Consultation of the [*blank in the original*] to forbid all silver but Rupees to be carried into the Country. The last month's Custom to Your Hon^rs^: came to above Six thousand Rupees. The Braminys still complain of the Reduction but work on though as they find we are determin'd We do not hear much of it. The Arcot Rupee is made to no certain standard and the Musters there though allow'd no more than 2$\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ Cent yet make up to themselves by one way or other very near as great an allowance as we have here as will appear by the same Paper from which Your Hon^rs^: observ'd the difference between their Charge of working and Ours. As to coining Rupees of the Arcot fineness we apprehend it is not permitted us the Phirmaund expressly Saying we shall make our Rupee equal to that of the Surat Mint. We may doubtless Coin Silver or Gold of any fineness but as it might embroil us with the Country Government who would be glad of such a handle and as the different fineness might bring even our old Standard into Disrepute, We believe it is much better to let the Mint remain as it is till the Country have by experience found their Error. 44

45 80. The Affair of the Jessuits Annuity is now Settled, the whole twenty thousand Pagodas is paid into Cash & We pay them Annualy twelve hundred Pagodas the last of April.

81. This Ship brings no Pullicat Betillees Those that We shall send will be as exactly made as possible though in Working Betillees there will always be a difference in the 2 Selviges as indeed there is in almost all Sorts of Cloth.

82. We will be carefull to follow your Directions about the Patterns and Paintings of the Chints.

83. Izzarees M^{r}. Blunt has provided none this year except 3^{Co} 13^{ps} which he sent up in February too late for the last Ships.

84. We are advised from Vizagapatam th[at the] Cloth M^{r}. Bl[unt now provides] is a thicker Substantia[l *a few words lost*] when Your Hon^{rs} [. . .] will give Content.

86[*sic*]. We are heartily Sorry that our Measurers have been so careless about the Moorees. We have this year taken very particular care that none of them exceed the Stated Breadth of one yard eight Inches, and that they are just ten yards long.

87. We will in our next Contract endeavour to provide the Sallempores of 2¼ Covids broad though by long continued Custom they have been provided at 2⅛, But as the Sallempores whether 2⅛ or 2¼ broad have the same number of threads, The broader Cloth is of a fleesier make and in washing shrinks to very near the breadth of the other, and the merchants will not give a larger number of threads without an advance in the price and that we dare not give without permission from you so to do, It will be very near Six ℔ Cent If the Cloth be made equal in goodness.

88. We have not been able to better the Fabrick of the Fine Cloth but as Your Hon^{rs}: will observe We now take in only N°. 2 & 3 at 55 and 50 whereas before it was N°: 1. 2. at sixty and fifty five, the Cloth is what was formerly Sorted to those numbers and therefore there is in Fact though not in appearance an abatement of five Pagodas in a Corge.

Fourthly touching the Trade of India and therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

89. We have already advised the most Material Occurrences that happen'd till the Date of our last Letter. From Fort William Your President and Council wrote Us as by their Letters N°. 16 and 37. that they had had a difference with their Nabob Jaffeir Cawn who demanded a considerable sum of them for the rent of their Towns, that to prevent complying they had been oblig'd to stop the Moor's ship, But at last they advisd us that the Matter was accomodated as by their Letter N° : 55.

[90]. From Bombay We receiv'd advice of the defeat of the Turks in Persia which gave some hopes that [that] Country would be in peace again, We shall be heartily glad to hear it, the same Letter (N. 43) gives us an Acco^{t}. of the engagement Your Hon^{rs}: Ship Brittania had with two Muscat Arab Ships [. .] which was taken and made pri[ze] off which had occa[sioned that] Government to fitt [*a few words lost*] Men of War to make reprisals, We hope to hear that disturbance is over.

91. From Pegue We have advice of a Boat of Goods sent up with an Englishman from Syrian to Ava belonging to M^{r}. Miles Barne one of the persons We have order'd home which the Black Fellows belonging to it hav^{s}: first murther'd the Englishman had plunder'd & stolen the Goods, The King has promisd to give reparation but we wait to hear the Success.

92. The Chief and Council of Anjengo have at last paid for Suncaramah's Cotton though they still insist that it was none of his, He possitively affirms that it was and those Gentlemen have never yet made appear that it belong'd to any Body elce which made Us Interest ourselves in the Affair.

93. We have had little or no disturbance in the Country near Us this year. The Morata's enter'd the borders some time ago but the several Nabobs having determin'd to beat them out and march'd against them, the disturbance we apprehended from them soon vanish'd.

94. The President & Council of Bombay having thought fit to levy a Duty of 3 rupees ℔ Candy on all private Pepper on the Mallebar Coast, We shall pay it though this lays a very heavy Tax on our Trade, no less than 5 ℔ Cent, which is already dwindled and sunk to nothing & will oblige Us to leave off purchasing Pepper on that Coast for our China Voyages because we can be cheaper supplied by the Dutch & French these hardships. our Trade is not able to bear, and we humbly hope Your Hon^rs^. will indulge Us and order this new levy'd Duty to be taken off again. They likewise wrote us that M^r^. Williamson refus'd to pay Consulage at Bussero but as his Owners gave him possitive Orders to pay it and that he has charged it in his account and also as he paid us ninety six zelottas for an omission in his account sale we apprehend the affair might be some dispute between the Chief & him which was afterwards adjusted. We are told M^r^. Phipps has got reparation from the Bashaw for his exactions on the English, Could We get the same from Judda we should have some satisfaction for the Barbarous Murthers of our Country Men.

95. Two ships both very rich the one Commanded by Cap^t^. Dal[gleish] with M^r^. Rob^t^. Frankland Brother to the Governour of [Bengall] Supra Cargoe in her, the other by Capta[in . . .] Thomas Hill brother in Law to [M^r^.] Addam [*a few words lost*] of Tellicherry went thither last Year from Bengall, and after they had almost compleated their Business M^r^. Hill, M^r^. Frankland Cap^t^. Dalgleish and four others were most barbarously murther'd by the Turks. A long narrative of this Affair comes in the Packet, Your Hon^rs^. therefore will excuse Us in not dwelling longer on so dreadful a Scene than while We beg that for the Benefit of our Trade, your reputation and in revenge for our Murtherd Countrymen, Your Hon^rs^. will lay before his Majesty this Account of the loss of his subjects and get such reparation from the Ottoman Court as is due for so unheard of a piece of Barbarity. We cannot pretend to State the Loss but compute it to be about Seventy thousand Pounds Sterling upon the two Ships.

96. It is a satisfaction to us to read your Hon^rs^. approval of our proceedings with respect to building of ships and the advance price put upon Anchors and Cables for Pegue. The persons concernd in building are mostly ruind by building and We hope we have put an effectual Stop to the prosecution of that Trade. 17th Feby. 1726 par. 46.

97. We shall when occasion offers make proper remonstrances against the French for the Injurious Treatment our Friends on the other Coast have met with from them, but till then We shall live Amicably and join with them in any attempt they make to ruin the Ostend Trade. 47.

98. We have already told your Hon^rs^. that this part of the Country is pretty quiet and we hope it will continue So, our President is in perfect Amity with our Nabob at Arcot. The Armies are frequently Marching to and fro to the N^o^.ward but however do not very much Impeed our Business. 48.

99. We are truly sensible of the obligation We have to Your Hon^rs^. for delivering us from the Impositions laid on our Trade at Surat. We do always use the Company's Broker when we find it can be done with equal advantage if otherwise Your Hon^rs^. are so good to tell us, you do not insist upon it. Let who will be the Broker the price of Brokerid[ge] for the Sale of the goods is the same and therefore if your Broker serves us with equal fidelity We should sooner employ him than another but especially at Surat, where if we do not employ him we pay double for whether we sell by him or not he still receives the settl[ed] Brokeridge, So that our own Interest [*a few words lost*] make use of [. . .] were it not that [*a few words lost*] Impracticable. We have hardly known an Instance at Surat of a Supra Cargoe's having a dispute with the Government or of appearing to the natives as engaged in an Interest contrary to yours, should they do thus, our Duty to your Hon^rs^. would immediately oblige us to make them severely repent it. It has been 49.

our constant Maxim to Support your Honour & Interest but encroachments on our rights which have no tendency but to enrich our Fellow servants and only Imposed by them we cannot Submitt to.

100. It would be endless to enumerate all the hardships put upon us by both the other Presidencies, Bombay Your Hon^rs^. have now pretty well reliev'd us from, but Bengal has yet the advantage over us. Tis not many years since that valuable Branch of Trade The Freight from Bengal to Surat was chiefly Ours and the Bengal Gentlemen thought themselves very well satisfied with the Commission drawn on the Cargoes of those Freight ships and the one-third which They were concerned in them. In those times we had five or six ships employ'd that way to Surat and Persia but by the dayly encroachments of those Gentlemen We have not one at present. They began by putting extravagant prices on their Goods insomuch that the Moors and Armenians bought 25 ℔ Cent cheaper in Bengal the same Goods and this those Gentlemen did notwithstanding it was our own money that bought the Goods, The next Step was to put up their own ships in which we had no concer[n] for those Freight Voyages and by their Influence preventing or by their authority forbidding any body to Freight on our ships they have at last quite turn'd Us out of all that Business and we must now either buy Bengall Goods of them at the extravagant rate abovemention'd or lye still the latter of which we have for a considerable time chose to do, So th[at] they enjoy almost all the Trade to the Westward Unmolest[ed]. Nor can we have any reparation for if we send our peop[le] down to provide Goods they cannot get Dusticks to bring them in or if they do the persons they buy of are abused [for] it is the practise to advance money and so under a speci[ous] pretence of Justice in demanding to be first paid by the Goods that are made they render everybody incapable of dealing but with [*a few words lost*] account Your Hon^rs^. [*a few words lost*] complai[nt] or not.

50. 101. We have heard no more of the bad Pago[das] and believe they are all gone out of the Town again.

51. 102. We believe there was nothing in the report of the South Sea Pyrate, We were told it was the Cardiga[n] Commanded by Captain Cross but have since heard that she returned safe.

52. 103. M^rs^. Horden has been advised of your orders relating to Ancona and the Accounts have been proffer'd [if] she would pay the charge of copying them, But that your Hon^rs^. may see how the dispute between her Husband and Anconah stands we have inclosed sent you the Copy of the proceedings of the Mayors Court she has made no demand on Anconah but for the money awarded him at the Court, but as We could not judge it equitable to set aside the Judgement of that Court founded upon notes under Mr. Horden's own hand well known to almost all the Town merely upon his saying he owed nothing we told her that if she would make any other Demand it should be heard and determined or if not He should give Security to Answer it, but this had been already decided, And here we beg leave to remark to Your Hon^rs^. that almost all the money Ancona has recover'd is on notes of M^r^. Hordens own Hand acknowledged to be due by himself 2 or 3 days afore he left this place as by Translates of his Letters to Ancona inclosed in the Packet will appear, And then We must ask Your Hon^rs^. whether it will not be ruining the Credit of every Englishman in the place if we should oblige Ancona who has recoverd scarce any thing more than the said Bonds to find people to be bound for producing this money again when M^r^. Horden shall think fitt to demand it. What must the Town think is the meaning of such a proceedure but that M^r^. Horden hopes some time or other to be able to wrest the money out of this poor Man's Hands and if he, then any other may hereafter do the same, besides That in all this affair we never heard of the least shadow of argument why the money was not due. All that ever was urged was that M^r^. Horden when he went away said he had forgot to take up his Bonds but that they were discharged, whether it is rational to suppose this or not we will not determine but surely a Man of commonsence would either have taken up his Bonds or else got a Receipt for the money—besides that, the above [mention'd] letters [are] a full acknowledgement that it was still due and likewise that he [*a few words lost*] borrow more on [fresh bonds].

104. We have little to say to the Instructions containd herein but that we shall punctually observe all the Directions of it and be as exact as possible in prosecution of the Methods prescrib'd in the Charter. In our Consultations of the 14th & 17th August Your Honrs. will observe with what solemnity we have proceeded in substituting the new Mayor's Court, To which we beg leave to be referred. [Order] about the Charter

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES

105. Under this Head We have not much to add to our last Except that the Survey of the Gunners Battery and Calculate of the expence is enterd after Consultation of the 23d Febv. and the Report of the General Review of the Buildings with the estimate of the Charge of doing it is after Consultation of the 17th February.

106. The Reports of the Survey of the Black Town were deliver'd in by the several Committees of our Board the 17th June The several steps taken to advance and secure the Revenue of the Quit Rent and Scavinger's Duty are there laid down and we think the alterations made therein very equitable. There being by this Survey found several spots of Ground which the Owners of had either let the Buildings that were formerly upon them drop down or else had never built on at all so that they became Neusances to the Town and no body appearing to claim them for fear of being charged on the Roll, To prevent the Revenue suffering by their non Appearance We determin'd to order that all the Owners of such wast Grounds should produce their Claims by a certain day or else they would be siezed for the Company's account & sold, But more urgent Business has prevented us hitherto.

107. We have already advis'd that the Beetle and Tobacco Farm and the Bounds are rented as last year, the present Farmers are Sadasheverow and Poncala Kistnah of this place so that we no way apprehend any likelyhood of loss by them.

108. We have approv'd of the expence Mr. Symonds was at in Rebuilding one of their Gates which was falling down the expence of it as by a Letter from thence No. 51 amounts to about Pags thirty. We have also been obliged to allow of a Repair to a Godown at Ingerum which by a Letter from Vizagapatam No. 57 is calculated to cost thirty Pagodas.

109. Your Honrs. will find the order mentiond in our last Letter touching Manifests in Consultation of the 8th May We hope it will have the desired Effects.

[110.] We have received a Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam No. 38 relating to a Madrass ship laden with Eliphants which fell in there, and by another No. 51. they tell Us that their Nabob will not receed from the Demand they at first advised Us he had made of the Customs for the King, Their last Letter No. [*lacuna*] tells Us they have been obliged to quit the Demand but had procured better Terms for the Merchant than he would have had if they had not Interfered.

111. Your Deputy Governr. Mr. Pitt having in Consultation of the 23d: February represented to Us that the hardship on the Country Merchants in obliging them to pay Custom for all the Cloth they Import into the Bounds of Fort St. David whether sold there or not is a great discouragement to their bringing their Goods down to lye there for a Market and that if they were permitted to carry back what they could not sell without paying a Custom for it he believed it would draw them thither and so by degrees revive the long decay'd Trade of that place and then advance the revenues, We came to the Resolution mention'd in that Consultation of permitting such as should plainly appear not to have been sold carry'd back Custom free But that for what was exported by Sea it should pay Custom whether Sold or not.

112. We have this Year receiv'd two Petitions for leave to Traverse Goods, The one from Capt. Gordon of the Mountague for two Tons of Eliphants Teeth which he design'd to send to Surat from Bengal as he sets forth in his Petition enterd after Consultation of the 31 July but finding a Ship bound thither at this Port he chose to send them directly, The other from Mr. Newton Supra Cargoe of the Effingham who had made a Contract for a parcel of Coffee with a Gentleman at Bengal but the

ship being Sold here he was obliged to seek other conveyances for it, This Petition is in the same Consultation and we acquiesced with both of them for the reasons there at large set down.

113. We have already mention'd the two parcels of Silver belonging to Mess^{rs}. Monson & Barrington. We since receiv'd a Petition from the Italian Priests Your Hon^{rs}. had permitted to come out who had Ignorantly brought ashoar about 250 Dollars which was for their maintenance without proper leave & it was Seized at the Gate but upon examining the Affair and being Sensible of the truth of the Allegations in the Petition we deliverd it back to them, The Petition is enter'd a[fter Consultation of the 27th August].

[1] 7th Febr^{y} : 1726. 53d par : 114. The Repairs of the East Curtain at Fort S^{t}. David is finish'd and the Cuddalore House a particular Account of them will come by the January Ships. The Garden House is not yet set about.

54. 115. We are very carefull when any repair is set about to see your Hon^{rs}. are honestly dealt with, That the work be durable and that a particular Account of the expence be enter'd after our Consultations Agreeable to the orders we have formerly receiv'd from your Honours

55 116. We continue to experience the good effects of taking off the Duty on blue Cloth Exported from the Fort S^{t}. David Bounds to Pondichery and Porto Novo. Our dye is now the best upon the Coast.

56. 117. Our Inhabitants are extreamly easie with respect to the 5 $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$ *Cent* paid at the Choultry, S^{t}. Thomé has drawn none of our Inhabitants away but such as have fled thither to save themselves from their Creditors, the chief of which are the Patan Merchants who have traded themselves to nothing and are now all Beggars

57 118. We are thankfull for the Indulgence granted Us of traversing Goods, the two Petitions abovement$^{n'd}$: are all we have comply'd with and whenever we are sensible the liberty is endeavour'd to be abused, We shall be sure to prevent it.

58 119. We continue our care in calling upon the Collectors of your Revenues to pay in the moneys as fast as they Collect it and to be diligent in it We also oblige them to clear Accounts Annually, and shall continue the same.

59. 120. We have already told your Hon^{rs}. the Patan Merchants are dwindled away to nothing there is not now a Man among them who can find the least Credit so that we have this Year lost that part of the Revenue, and the Pegue & Merguy Ships have most of them missed their Passages however We believe the Customs will convince Your Hon^{rs}. that We do our utmost to support & encourage the Trade of the place, Though it is certain the loss of the above mention'd Importations must very considerably Affect them & lessen that Amount.

60 121. The Farms continue as they did Your President observes with great Satisfaction Your Approval of the raising the Revenues here as specify'd in this Letter had any other fallen where there was a possibility of encrease no care sho[uld] have been wanting to have advanc['d] it.

61. 122. The method of Registering Houses is still continued and is certainly of great use.

62. 123. We have sent copy of this Paragraph to Vizagapatam and expect a Reply but it will not come time enough for this ship. It shall be sent in January.

63. 124. The Renter of the Measuring Farm pays the old Rent of eight hundred and twenty Pagodas $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$ Annum for it.

64. 125. We thought We had follow'd Your Hon^{rs}. direction in paying the Corporation the Revenue of the Town Conicoply's Duty. It was not embezzled by them formerly but by the Receiver of the Customs however we shall in future observe not to pay it out till it is wanted.

65. 126. Though the reducing the Peons Batty & curtailing the Servants at the Choultry be small Articles Yet they were what then occurr'd, and as We endeavour in every particular to lessen Your expences We hope the smaller as well as larger reductions will be esteem'd as instances of our diligence. We shall always encourage the Grain Merchants being thoroughly Sensible that nothing affects the poor more than the dearness of provisions.

127. The order made at Fort S^{t}. David for persons who pay money into Your Cash to take Receipts for the same is continued. 66.

SIXTHLY FACTORS, WRITERS OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

128. Our last Letters gave Your Hon^{rs}. an Acco^{t}. of what Alterations had happen'd to the date thereof, We have therefore no more to do at present but to answer Your Letters this Year under this head except telling Your Hon^{rs}. that

129. The 3^{d}. April last we order'd M^{r}. William Skinner's estate to be paid into Cash he not having sufficient Effects to pay his Debts. His Creditors are in England and the produce of his Estate will be paid Us as soon as it can be collected in.

130. That there are no further Demands on the Estate of Henry Ross deceased the Ballance was paid into Your Cash the [*lacuna*] and amounted to [*lacuna*] He has a Brother in England.

131. That M^{r}. George Ramsay's Estate was paid into Cash the [*lacuna*] One M^{r}. Edmond Stowne has a demand on his Estate which being Indebted to severall others likewise, We have resolved to refer home. The Cl[aims] in India are not quite adjusted [*one line lost*]

132. That M^{r}. Joseph Walsh was permitted to go home on the Stanhope, He paid Passage money in the little King George Captain Warden which was lost And as he never receiv'd it back again we consented to excuse his paying it now. And

133. That we have deliverd M^{r}. Turtons books and Papers to Captain Edward Williamson of the Bridgewat^{r} his brother in Law and in right of his Wife Heir at Law to the Estate.

134. M^{r}. Richard English pays the amount of $\frac{3}{4}^{ths}$ Oadham's Estate into Your Cash and we have given him Bills for the same payable to M^{r}. Sitwell for Account of the three sisters And the other quarter he has orders from M^{r}. Parrot to dispose of it who has already receiv'd some part of the Child's pro[po]rtion the next he will remit by the January Shipping. 27 Decr. 126 par. 7th.

135. In obedience to this order we summond M^{r}. Collin Campbell before Us and demanded the Debts due from him, His Reply enter'd at large after our Consultation of the 3^{d}. July sets that Matter in a very fair light & as We are fully convinced that the latter part of it relating to the money he brought out is Fact we believe the former is the same, He has nothing to pay his Debts with and is going to England in January where if he hath any thing his Creditors will be able to recover it of him. 9.

136. M^{r}. Drake was before the receipt of this Letter order'd home, He comes upon this ship, We shall on all occasions Support and Maintain the Authority of the Mayor's Court knowing how necessary and usefull it is to the place as well as in Respect to his Majesty's Royal Charter. 17th Feby. 1726 pa. 69.

137. We shall send home all the Subjects of England residing here without Lycense as fast as we find them such only excepted who having Effects abroad It would be hard immediately to send away and to them We indulge a reasonable time to collect in their Estates and then oblige them to go home. 70. 71.

138. As for the Affair of the Nightingale's Silver immediately on receipt of your order M^{r}. Benyon our Warehousekeeper was order'd to collect the Salvage which he accordingly did and deliverd the Account to Us, It is true the Interest was omitted but at that tim[e] we did not observe it & now we cannot tell how to re[cover] it most of the persons that receiv'd the money b[e]ing go [ne *one line lost*] We ever could hear of but what was lycensed in your Manifest If there had we should have Seized it and sold it on your account. 72.

139. The Captains of the ships have all shewn Us their orders from the India House to deliver all the Soldiers ashore here We have therefore taken them. The Gentlemen in Bengall desired Us not to stop their's but Capt^{n}. Gilbert & Captain Boddam being directed as above and producing their orders for it we took the Men 73. 94.

ashore and paid the Head money We shall not with all this supply when drafts have been made to our Subordinates have above our number and we are very well assured the Gentlemen in the Bay can much easier supply themselves than We.

74. 140. We are carefull to prevent exactions of all kinds and to make examples of such Black People as We find doing Injurys either to the persons under them or any other of the Natives.

75. 141. M^r^. Draper's Debt is paid into Cash, It was an omission that it was not done sooner however as it is now receiv'd We hope it will be passed over.

76. 142. We have done our utmost to preserve the revenue of the Mint and it is in a better Condition than at the time those Accounts were sent your Hon^rs^.

77. 143. The Country Musick is a privilidge bot of this Government by the old Company at a very great charge and is therefore kept up it being look'd upon here as one of the greatest Marks of Grandure that can be, but if You please to have them discharged it shall be done they being far from Agreeable to your President or any of the Europeans, The Peons allow'd the Joynt Stock Merchants shall be struck off, and so soon as this ship is gone we shall make a strict enquirey how the Peons are employ'd, how many are necessary and strike off those that are superfluous though We believe there never were fewer than now.

78. 144. The Lists of your Covenanted Servants and all others sent by the Secretary are duely Sign'd Dated and Attested but should any such Trivial omission as a date wanting to Papers of that kind at the dispatch of two or three ships together He humbly hopes the extraordinary hurry necessarily occasiond at such a time may plead his excuse.

79. 145. M^r^. Torriano acknowledges his fault in not Dating his Indentures and desires what said in the preceeding paragraph may be allowed in excuse for it. And that Your Hon^rs^. will please to order Date may be put to them agreeable to that of the others sent home.

80. 146. There was no Vacancy when M^r^. Barlow came here and he is proceeded to the Bay M^r^. Lyndsay having as we before advis'd Your Hon^rs^. quitted his employ of Surgeon of the Lyell and submitted to be Surgeon's Mate here upon the encouragement we gave him of succeeding on the first Vacancy which We did upon the recommendation of Captain Small. He succeeded M^r^. Ramsay according to our promise and therefore we could not displace him again especially as he has behav'd very well and is much esteem'd by the Inhabitants here.

91. 147. To this paragraph we only need Reply that nothing has been receiv'd from Your Merchants since the present establishment by way of Bribery or Corruption nor ever will be while the Merchants are kept so strictly to the goodness of the Cloth. As for the Present receiv'd by Your President which he gave Account of to Your Hon^rs^. 'tis true the Merchants find their Account in it by many Friendly Offices done by him to them in many cases wherein they want his Assistance without detriment to the Company's Affairs. He hath in obedience to Your Commands paid into Your Cash four thousand Pagodas which was the sum receiv'd, which he hopes when Your Hon^rs^. have considered more closely of that Affair your Justice will induce You to order him the repayment of.

148. Your President and M^r^. Pitt will inform Your Hon^rs^. of the reasons for the Alterations made here So that we have no more to do about it but advising what they are. M^r^ Turner and M^r^. Hubbard have been dismiss'd your service. M^r^. Emmerson hath laid down, as likewise M^r^. Wessell. M^r^. Symonds is appointed third in Council Accomptant and Export Warehousekeep^r^. Major Roach Fourth and Pay Master and at his request continued Major of the Garrison. M^r^. Peers and M^r^. Morse are taken in to fill up the other Vacancy's in Council.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS

149. We return Your Hon^{rs}. thanks for paying Our Bills on You, We have by this ship drawn the follow^{g} para. 81

1st. 2^{d}. & 3^{d} Dated the 30th August to the order of M^{rs}. Judith Heaton Value of Cap^{t}. Will^{m}. How	P	100	—	—	£ 40	—	—
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d} Dated the 15th Sept^{r}. to the order of Joseph Hare value of Charles Hunter Execut^{r}. to the Estate of Edward Cotterell	,,	955	—	—	,, 382	—	—
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. Dated 15th Sept^{r}. to the order of Mess^{rs}. Abraham Wessell & Simon Crane Value of Charles Peers	,,	70	—	—	,, 8	—	—
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. Dated 15th. Sept^{r}. to the order of George Sitwell Value of Rich^{d}. English Executor of Matthew Oadham deceased...	,,	4947–3–51			,, 1978	16	3¾
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. dated 18th Sept^{r}. to the order of Duncan Munro Value of John Emmerson and Aaron Franks	,,	980	—	—	,, 392	—	—
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. dated 18th Sept^{r}. to the order of Major John Roach Value of himself ...	,,	3000	—	—	,, 1200	—	—
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d} to the order of Rich^{d}. Mead Esq^{r}. Value of Major John Roach dated 18th Sept^{r}.	,,	500	—	—	,, 200	—	—
1st. 2^{d}. & 3^{d}. dated 18th Sept^{r}: to the order of Edw^{d}: Harrison Esq^{r}: & M^{r}. Tho^{s}: Cooke Value of Captain John Powney	,,	1000	—	—	,, 400	—	—
1st. 2^{d}. & 3^{d}. dated 18th Sept^{r}: to the order of M^{rs}. Jane Thompson Value of Will^{m}. Montgomery	,,	50	—	—	,, 20	—	—
1st 2^{d}. & 3^{d}. dated 18th Sept^{r}: to the order of Simon Crane Value of himself	,,	1000	—	—	,, 400	—	—
	P.	12602	3	51	£5040	16	3¾

150. We shall punctually follow all such Orders as we receive from Your Accomptant or M^{r}. Mitchell. 82

151. Nairo Verona's debt is now quite cleard. We shall be very carefull not to write off Debts as desperate too hastily nor shall we be easily perswaded any Debts are Irrecoverable till all possible endeavours have been used to get them in. 83

152. It is very true that the Revenues of Fort S^{t}. George did but a little over pay the Expence of the Coast But then the Revenues of the Subordinate Settlements were all clear Gains. 84 85

153. The People both here & at Fort S^{t}. David continue to find [fa]ir Usuage and Justice Impartial[ly] administer'd no[where] any [*few words lost*] oppress them. It is our constant Study to Watch against every thing of that kind and to crush the first attempts towards it. 86 87 88

154. The Gentlemen in Bengall notwithstanding what Your Hon^{rs}: observe that We have supplied them so largely Still load us with Complaints for not sending them sufficient Treasure, but as You are convinc'd We are not blameworthy We are under no uneasiness on that Account.

155. M^{r}. Pitt has paid into Your Cash Pag^{s}: 30·10·53 for the deficiency in the silks of the Macclesfields Cargo. 90

156. We have given the proper Notice to the persons concern'd in the Bill in Chancery And advis'd them of your orders in case they neglect to send Instructions home to their Lawyers. We suppose therefore they will go by this or the January Ships from every body. 92

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

157. We have receivd the Copy of your Hon^{rs}. Letter to that settlement by the Princess Anne and shall in our Letter to them by the George give them strict Injunctions to be observant of the same. The Supravizor and Council's reasons for sending the Carnarvon to Benjar are already wrote Your Hon^{rs}: by themselves We think they are weighty and therefore have approv'd them and hope your Hon^{rs}: will do the like. It is very certain that had she stayd on the Coast the Princess Anne would have been oblig'd to do the like whereas if she gets her Lading, there will be sufficient for the other and if she does not the disappointment will be but the same as if she had not gone to Benjar. The Supravizor left on the West Coast about [*lacuna*] Tons of Pepper and the people were prepar^{s}. for gathering in the new Crop which it was calculated would be about four hundred Bahar more So that the Princess Anne will in all probability find a loading ready for her within a few Tons which we are in great hopes Your Deputy Governour and Council will take care to supply her with in time to save her Demorage.

158. In this Packet Your Hon^{rs}: will receiv[e] of standing Orders collected by the Supra Vizor out of what Books and Papers he found at Marlbrough w^{ch}: he left with the Deputy Governour & Council also an exact Survey of the Pepper plantations taken by Europ[eans] from which Your Hon^{rs}: may with some certainty calculate what Pepper will be produced on that Coast. See Jibs Sugar and Arrack is good and he is in hopes now he has all materials about him to make a considerable progress in clearing his Debt. The Pepper Plantations as Your Hon^{rs}: will see by the Surveys are in a very promising Condition and the expences are kept within the Limits prescrib'd by Your President So that We flatter our selves if the Country continues quiet That Settlement will begin to make Your Hon^{rs}: some amends for the Expence and trouble You have so long been at to maintain it.

SUPPLEMENT.

On each Bale of Longcloth and Sallempores ordinary by this ship are expended thirteen & a half Yards of Gurrahs Three Pounds of Cotton and two pieces of gunneys —For the midling twelve Yards Gurrahs three pounds of Cotton and two pieces of Gurrahs— For the fine thirteen & a half Yards of Gurrahs three pounds of Cotton, five & half Yards of Wax Cloth and two pieces Gunnys—On the Betillas Moorees and Ginghams eleven Yards of Gurrahs four a half Yards Wax Cloth, three pounds of Cotton and two pieces Gunnys.

The Invoice of this ship amounts to One hundred and fourteen Thousand five hundred and two Pagodas twenty fanams & thirty five cash P. 114502:20:35. And we hope it will come safe home to You^{r} Hon^{rs}: and find a good Sale. The Invoice to S^{t}. Helena is one hundred and thirty Pagodas and seventy four cash P. 130—74. The Captain's Register of Goods is six thousand nine hundred twenty five Pagodas four fanams & twenty three cash P. 6925:4:23 That of Diamonds amounts to Pag^{s}: forty two thousand four hundred & seven Pagodas four fanams & nine a half cash P. 42407:4:9½.

We are

HONOURABLE,

Your Faithful hum^{le}: Servants.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
[S]EPTEMBER 22^{D}: 1727.

JAMES MACRAE
G. M. PITT
JOHN ROACH
RANDALL FOW[KE]
CHARLES PEERS
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Since the above We have receiv'd the following sums for which we have given our Bills of Exchange on your Hon^{rs}: Viz^{t}.

1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. dated 22^{d}: September payable to George Sitwell Value of Rich^{d}: English	P	400	0	0	£	160	0	0
1st, 2^{d} & 3^{d} dated 22^{d} Sept^{r}. payable to Richard Hodgson, Value of Charles Peers & Nicholas Morse Trustees to Joseph Houghton	,,	50	0	0	,,	20	0	0
1st. 2^{d} & 3^{d}. dated 22^{d} September payable to George Drake, Value of himself	,,	1200	0	0	,,	480	0	0
All payable two Months after sight	P	1650	0	0	£	660	0	0

We omitted to advise Your Hon^{rs}: that we have been obliged to dismiss Mr. Richard Carter from your service for which our reasons are enterd in Consultation 22^{d}: August and in the same youl find some alterations made by the President and M^{r}. Pitt in the Stations of some of your Servants To which We beg leave to refer Your Hon^{rs}:

J M
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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO S^{r}. HELENA, DATED [SEPTEMBER 22, 1727].

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 6 p. 46*]

TO THE WORSH^{ll}: JOHN SMITH ESQ^{R}.
GOVERNOUR OF S^{T}: HELENA &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

SIRS

We have receiv'd your Letter by the Carnarvon Via Bencoolen bearing Date the 31 May 1726 with the Enclosed List of Shipping which was very acceptable to Us and We must desire you to continue the like Advice in future.

We Inclose the Invoice & Bill of Lad^{g} for the usual allowance of one ℔ Cent put aboard this ship in Stores for the Use of your Island consisting of rice Sugar & Arrack which is Agreeable to your desire and We have given directions to have the Casks for the Arrack sound & Good to prevent any loss by Leakage—We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
[22^{D} SEP^{R} 1727]

S^{RS}:
Your most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:
J MACRAE
&C^{A} [COUNCIL]

LIST OF THE PACQUET ℔ SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

N. 1. General Letter to the Honourable Court of Directors ℔ Ship Princess of Wales Dated 22^{d} Sep^{tr}. 1727.

2. Duplicate General Letter to Hon^ble^ Court of Directors ℔ Ship Stanhope dated 8 August 1727

3. Copy of a General Letter from Fort S^t^. George to S^t^. Helena ℔ Ship Princess of Wales dated 22 Sep^r^: 1727

4. Copy of Cap^t^. William Mackets dispatch dated 23 Sep^tr^. 1727

5. Invoice of Ship Princess of Wales for England amot^s^ to One hundred and fourteen Thousand five hundred and two Pagodas, twenty fanams and Thirty five Cash. Pag^s^: 114502. 20. 35.

6. Copy of Invoice to S^t^. Helena ℔ Ship Princess of Wales amounting to One Hundred and Thirty Pagodas and Seventy four Cash. Pag^s^. 130-74–

7. First bill of Lading for the Cargoe on board the Princess of Wales for England.

8. Muster Rool of Ship Princess of Wales her Men

9. Survey of Warli ke Stores on board Ship Princess of Wales.

10. Particular Account of Expences & Repairs on the George Brigantine at Pegu anno 1726.

12. List of Persons residing in India & Inhab: Madrass

11. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Choroman^ll^

13. Copy of the Mayors Court Proceedings in Anconahs Case verse M^r^. Horden.

14. Indent from the Merchants for Six Hundred Bales of Brod Cloth.

15. Copy of Letters from Juddah touching the Masacre of the English Gentlemen there.

16. Second receipt for the Packet ℔ Ship Lyell.

17. Second receipt for the Packet ℔ Ship Middlesex

18. Second receipt for the Packet ℔ Essex.

19. Second receipt for the Packet ℔ Mary

20. First receipt of the Surgeon of Ship London for head mony

21. First receipt of the Surgeon of Ship Prince William for Head mcny

22. First receipt of the Surgeon of the Ship Princess of Wales for Head mony.

23. First Receipt of Surgeon of Ship Mountague for D°.

24. First Receipt of Surgeon ℔ Ship Walpole for D°.

25. First receipt of Surgeon ℔ Ship Leuthielier for D°.

26. Valuation of M^r^. Savages Lacker'd Ware sent home ℔ the Princess of Wales.

27. Register of Goods Laden by Capt: William Mackett on board Ship Princess of Wales amount^s^ to Six Thousand nine Hundred twenty five Pagodas four fan^s^ and Twenty three Cash Pag^s^: 6925–4–23

28. Register of Diamonds Licensed to be Laden on board the Ship Princess of Wales amounting to Forty two Thousand four Hundred & Seven Pag^s^ four Fanams and nine & a half Cash P 42407–4–9[½]

29. Cash Account of Fort Saint George for Sep^tr^: to 22 Day

30. Cap^t^.: Wentworth George Pitt receipt for the Packett ℔ Stanhope.

31. Copy of a Consultation held in Fort Saint George the 22^d^ day of September 1726.

32. Copy of three Letters from M^r^. Horden to Anconah.

33. List of the Packett & of the Books in the Packet.

List of Books in the Packet ϕ Ship Princess of Wales.
From Fort Saint George.

N°. 1. Consultations and Diarys
Commencing 31 Jan^ry: 1726—
Ending 18 September 1727—

2. Letters received
Commencing Jan^ry: 1726
Ending 11 Sept^r. 1727—

3. Letters Sent
Commencing Jan^ry: 1726
Ending 11 Sept^r. 1727—

4. List of Shipping
Commencing Jan^ry: 1726
Ending Sept^r. 1727—

5. Cash Account—
Commencing Jan^ry: 1726
Ending Aug^t 1727

6. Sea Customer Register—
Commencing Jan^ry. 1726
Ending August 1727

7. Land Customer Abstracts—
Commencing Jan^ry. 1727
Ending Aug^st. 1727—

From Fort Marlborough.

8. Consultations & Diarys—
Commencing Jan^ry. 1726
Ending ult°. Aug^st. 1727

9. Ditto—
Commencing 18 July 1726
Ending 6 April 1727

10. Ditto—of the 18 & 19 April 1727

11. Letters Received—
Commencing 19^th June 1726
Ending 25 March 1727

12. Letters Sent
Commencing 19 June 1726
Ending 25 March 1727

13. Mallay Letters received—
Commencing 1 July 1726
Ending 24 March 1727

14. Mallay Letters Sent
Commencing 30^th July 1726—
Ending 2—1727—

15. Register Book—
Commencing 10 Feb^ry. 1726
Ending Aug^st 1726—

16. Surveys of the Pepper Plantations
Commencing 10 Feb^ry. 1724
Ending Feb. 1726/7

17. Cash Accounts
Commencing June 1726
Ending March 1727

18. Heads of S[*blank in original*] Orders collected out of y^e Books.

19. Paymaster Account from May 1726 to Ult°. Feb^ry. 1727
20. Storekeeper Accounts from May 1726 to Ult°. Feb^ry. 1727
21. Warehousekeeper Accounts from May 1726 to Ult' Feb. 1727
22. Pepper Godown Keeper from D°. to D°.
23. Sea Customer Acco^ts. from D°. to D°.

PAPERS FROM FORT MARLBRÔ.

24. List of Covenanted Servants
25. List of the Melitary
26. List of Shipping
27. List of Slaves

BOOKS FROM Do.

28. Copy of M^r. Burton Paymaster Accounts
    Commencing February 9th 1721/22.
    Ending July 1—1722.
29. Copy of M^r. Pyke Paymasters Accounts
30. Copy of M^r. Shelly Storekeeper's Accounts in M^r. Pykes time
31. Copy of M^r. Pyke's Cash Account
32. M^r. Hubbards Consultations
    Commencing 24^th Jan^ry. 1721/22.
    ending 7^th Augu^st. 1722.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED JANUARY 20, 1728.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 6 pp. 51—63.*]

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE—

[1.] Our last Letter was by the Princes[s] of Wales dated 22^d: September 1727. She sailed the 25^th of that month and we hope will have a safe and speedy passage home. By her we answered your Letters to this place and gave an account of all our management in your affairs to the time of her Departure, What we [. . .] we know to do therefore is to advice of the material occurrences which have happened since that time and

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING

[2.] The President and Council of Ben[gal] write us they are dispatching the Mountague Bridgwater and [Leu]thielier and [*a few words lost*] away by the 20^th: January, the Walpole they have let to freight to Judda and the Hartford to Surat of the particulars we Suppose Your Honours will have an account from them. The Sarum Prince William & London we now dispatch to you the two last of these Ships called in at Vizagapatam and brought from thence 500 Bales and M^r. Symonds came upon the London to take his place at our Board.

3. By a private Letter from the West Coast we learn that the Carnarvon is saild for England having buryed her Commander and that the Princes Ann is arrived. There are some hopes of compleating her Loading without sending her over hither but we are apprehensive they will not be able to do it.

4. We have also an account that the Prince Augustus was to sail in November from Canton. As for the Duke of Cumberland we have as yet no advice of her

5. Your Ship Marlbourough is arrived in Pegue and we expect her over here in a short time, the George Brigantine saild the 28 September for Bencoolen and we are in hope will be here soon again.

6. In the Packet by these Ships Your Honours will receive the Register of Diamonds, private Trade, Copies of Dispatches, Surveys of Guns Powder &c, muster roles of the Ships crews We have advised all these Captains of your orders relating to Tea, Raw silk, Rattans. They have none of them taken any Salt Petre here and the 1 ℔ Cent for Saint Helena is put on board in Bengall.

7. From Fort S^{t} Davids we have receď Eeighty Bales by a Brigantine hired for that purpose 155 Bales more by the Ramah at twice is and 361 by Ship Margaret Ann, she also brought us up some old timbers remaining of the purchased formerly for the Building.

8. The Prince William and Sarum neither of them have taken in their Tonnage, but the Commanders have advised us their Ship is full copy of this Letter are sent are enterd after Consult^{ns}: of the 19th January.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE

9. We have nothing to add to our last under this head but that your Honours will receive in the Packet accounts of Sales of remnant of Cloth Drugget Camblets sent up from Fort S^{t} Davids which we sold at Outcry also accounts remains of wares and Stores and our indent for the next years supply of both also Duplicate indent for Broad Cloth.

10. We have very frequently complained of our paper and Quils which still continues very bad we are in hopes that your Honours have received the musters which we sent you last year you will please to give strict orders we may be better supply'd several of the Quires have not a sheet in them but what is torn and those that are whole sink so abominably there is no writing the Books &c^{a}. sent you home will shew this complaint is not groundless.

11. There has been but very little demand for some months for Europe Lead at the price we now keep it up to and we fear we shall be obliged to Lower it.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS

12. We have already told Your Hon^{rs}. that several of our washers pretending they had no hand in contracting the old debt were run away, we have however prevaild on some new washers to come into our bounds, who in order to be distinct from the old ones have settled near Trivelecane and we have dug a tank and three wells for them there.

13. We have allowed the Deputy Gov^{r}. and Council of Fort S^{t} Davids to sort their ordinary Long Cloth to N 3. as we do here in order for the better dispatch of the Ships and the care of the Merchants agreable to the indulgence this year received from your Honours.

14. We have ordered the paymaster to sett about a new pair of Screws that they may be ready in case of any accident, for the sett now in use are quite worn out, and if the other sett which we have should be spoyled by any accident we should be at a very great loss for it requires a vast deal of time to make them.

15. In Consultation of the 20th of Nov^{r} Your Honours will see an order made for regulating the Sorters, they are to forfeit for non attendance at the Godown in proper time, and the fine we have agreed shall be applied to the Charity school uneless Your Honours shall otherwise.

16. The Death of M^{r}. Blunt and his conduct together has put the investment of Ingeram in a very bad state this year, he is dead 3000 Pag^{s}. in your Debt, no Cloth sorted nor any more than 94 Corge provided, but we are pretty well assured his effects will in a short time make good the deficiency, neither has he kept any accounts except little slips of paper, wrote with a black lead pencil which we have secured M^{r}. Symonds report of the state of Ingerum, the account Currant with M^{r}. Blunt, and an inventory of his effects are copy'd after Consultation of the 15 January, we can make nothing of his papers, but however as they are wrote by himself, we have copyed them and the copy in the Packet by the Prince William.

17. In Consultation of the 11 Septem^{r}. the Painters delivered us a Petition setting forth that the Warehousekeeper had returned on their hands a bale of Chints on account of some small damages in it and requested that we would reveiw it, and take it in at a reasonable abatement, because their indigent Circumstances would not permit them to pay for it, we did in consideration of their poverty content to reveiw it, and have taken it in at an abatement of four Pegodas ℔ Corge it comes on.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA & THEREIN ALL TRANSACTIONS W^{r}. THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT

[18.] After Consultation of the 27th Nov^{r}. is a List of fees payable in the Mayors Court fixed by the Court and approved by us. We appointed a Sherriffs Court for the ease of the poor who for small matters cannot go to the Mayors Court on account of ffees this Court decides all petty causes as far as five Pegodas without appeal and as far as twenty with appeal to the Mayors Court, the fees for the Sherriffs Court are copyed after Consultation of the 4th. of December. The Sherriff keeps the Register of Slaves in the same manner and with the same ffees as when the Choultry Court subsisted. He also is to Register houses under one hundred Pegodas for ½ ℔ C^{t} by which means the poor will save the charge formerly paid to the Cheif Justice of the Choultry which was 1 ℔ Cent more.

19. As we had reason to apprehend that the inflicting punishment on our black inhabitants agreable to the Laws of England, might be to Terrible to them, if we should immediately proceed to it we have affixed publick notice at our gates in Triplicane, Trevitore at the Armenian Church, and Moors mosque, giving notice that we would act agreable to the English Laws for the future, and that all Murders, housebreaking and great Robbery's would be punished with Death and lesser crimes agreable to our rules and with all the rigour of our Law.

20. The Nabob of Bengal Jaffar Cawn is dead, the President and Council there seemed apprehensive of disturbances on this occasion but they are happily blown over.

21. The Nabob of Arcot has granted a Cowle to some black Merchants, who have advanced him a very large sum of money for farming the Salt and Tobacco thrô his territorys, by which means the whole Coast will be very much distressed and we are apprehensive that it will influence our Tobacco and Beetle farm.

22. Chicklie Cawn is now at [*lacuna*] in an expedition against the Sourajah and it is reported he designs to come into this Country again.

23. The 30 of September a French ship called Lely's Captain Beauclair saild for France with Seven hundred bales [*a few words lost*] Sixteen Hundred Bales of Coffee three hundred and fifty Bags of Salt Petre, fifty Bags of Cowries.

24. The Saet Instant four Ships Saild from Pondecherry three of them bound for France the other for Makye the Cargoes of those designed for Europe are One Thousand & thirty Bales of Salt Petre, Six hundred and fifty Chests of Tea, Seventy small Chests of China ware, Eight hundred and thirty bales of Cloth, Six hundred Candy of Redwood, and Six hundred and twenty Candy of Pepper, The Ship bound to Mackye has thirty bales of Cloth, three Chests of Treasure, twelve soldiers and some tools.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

25. In Consultation of the 10th. of Nov^{r}. we agreed to permit the owners of the Margaret Ann to land her Cargo, for fear of the Monsoon paying 2½ ℔ Cent Custom agreable to your old standing orders to that purpose.

26. We have made a Seizure at the Choultry of twenty peices of Buzzar Cloth they are sold and the one half of the produce is brought to your Honours account which is 10 : 18.

27. Your President has with much Difficulty prevailed on Poncala Kistnamah to take the Arrack and wine License at the former rate, the old renter upon the

expiration of the Cowle absolutely refused it, and its very certain that no body but Poncala Kistnama could undertake it at that rate, and it was accordingly Signed to him for five years commencing the 5th of Decr. last.

28. After Consultation of the 15th Janry: your Honours will see abstracts of the charges of Building the Silver Mint of repairing the two Godowns near Charles Point and of Building a wall to secure the main wall next to Queens Point that was cracked and in danger which [were all the Buildings] & repairs that are compleа[ted.]

29. After Consultation of the same day is a state of the revenues and expences of the Coast by which Your Honours will find that thô our expences are increased 528—13—57 yet our revenues are also increased 2074—21—28 so that there is an advance of Pags. 1546—7—51 as for the Revenues of Vizagapatam Your Honours will read a full state of them after the Letter from thence N°. 72.

30. We are now going to sett about the powder house that it may be well done in the dry Season and it shall be managed with the utmost frugality and care.

31. The Mayors Court have requested of us the payment of the Town conicoplys Duty but we have refused it telling them that if they cause an estimate of the necessary disbursements for the repairs &c. mentioned in their request to be made and lay it before us we will Issue money for that purpose this we think is agreable to Your Honours orders this year relating to that duty.

Sixthly, Factors, Writers, Officers and their Accounts

32. This head we must begin with an Account of the Barbarous murder of Mr. John Packer at Fort Saint Davids of which we were advised from thence by their Letter of the 20 Septr. with which they sent Copy of the Consultations held on that affair, together with the Doctors report and severall Depositions all which are Copyed after that Letter N°. 72, all that passed afterwards at Fort Saint Davids, is entered in a book apart, which comes in this packet. It was committed by one Peddu formerly Dubash in Fort Saint Davids who fled for it and we were obliged to promise a reward of an hundred Pegodas for the discovery of the murderer and a pardon to any accomplice who would impeach him, he was Seized at the Pondecherry bounds, and brought to Fort St. Davids [were] he took the murder upon himself and gave a very full and regular account of the whole affair, but the next day he contradicted that whole account with another full as plausible, and charged one Mr. Vezian with being the principal contriver and manager of this horrid action, and the mans Character as well as his behaviour after the action made it probable the second account Peddu gave us was true Mr. Vezian was therefore Seized and Sent up here, we should immediately have proceeded to tryal, but upon an aprehension there were not people enough in this place to have allowed him Challanges and also that possibly Mr. Pitt might be able on his going down to get some further Light into the affair, we deferred it to the 6 of January. Your Honours will receive two Copy's of the tryal by these Ships and will see the whole process and every Circumstances that has come to light, Mr. Vezians jury have found him not Guilty, However his other Conduct has been so bad in many respects, that we have been obliged to dismiss him your service and send him home upon the London, the Black fellow upon his tryal pleaded guilty and will be executed so soon as we have a Conveyance to carry his body were he is to be hanged in Chains.

33. Upon occasion of this tryal we have thought it necessary to propose to your Honrs. a case which is this. The only material evidence against Mr. Vezian was a gentue, now by the laws of England it is expressly said, that no Infidel shall be an evidence against a Christian, on the other hand we are twice told in the Instructions sent us out upon the Charter that if the Witnesses professes a different Religion from the Christian an Oath shall be framed for him agreable to the solemnity of the occasion, we apprehend the reason why an Infidel is not an evidence in England is That it is impossible to Swear him there, if so the case is altered in these parts, were all the Solemnity imaginable, may easily be practised, we would therefore desire the opinion of the Bench of Judges how far the evidence of a gentue, Moor &c. sworn

in the most Solemn manner, the gentue at their Pegoda and the Moor on the alcoran, supposing the person swearing them to be in his Character and dealings unexceptionable, We say how far the evidence of such a person shall be received against an Englishman and a Christian.

34. The one Hundred Pegodas reward given for apprehending Peddu we have agreed to place to the Debt of the town conicoply's duty, as it was an extraordinary ca[s]e and w^{t}: may not probably be again necessary, but the other Disbursements in summoning Witnesses travelling charges the like being what in the like case be always necessary, we have debted charges extraordinary for [*blank in the original*] And indeed the Town Conicoplys duty will always be expended for the beautifying the Town and the necessary repairs of it so that it can very ill bear to be charged with even the one hundred Pegodas. The account particulars of that expence comes in the packet.

35. The 2^{d}. November the Reverend M^{r}. Thomas Wendy delivered a petition for leave to lay down your Service and go to Europe which was granted, We hope your Honours will send us a worthy good man in his room, our other Chaplain is very unexceptionable in his conduct, but his constitution is so week that he is not capable to supply this place and Fort Saint Davids both.

36. In Consultation of the 10 of Novem^{r}. we directed that M^{r}. Pitt one of our Justices of the peace should take upon himself the decision of all causes of *meum* and *tuum* as also all breaches of peace, felony's &c. under several regulations as at large in that Consultation and in our Letter sent to him N. 72.

37. M^{r}. John Emmerson goes home on the Prince William, M^{r}. Wendey on the same ship M^{r}. Collin Cambell on the London, and M^{r}. Aaron Franks on the Sarum.

38. We have entertaind Thomas Gordon one of the melitary Surgeons mate in our Hospital at the usual Wages, he has paid into your Cash forty four Pegodas, Sixteen fanams for his dischar[ge] from the melitary.

39. We have nothing to add, but that we will take care to Collect in M^{r}. Packers effects and lodge the amount in your Cash his [*lacuna*] at Fort Saint Davids is already paid there.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

40. The President & Council of Bengall wrote us a letter advising we would recover of M^{r}. Sawbride a sum of money, which they formerly overpaid him for reading prayers and preaching there, but he was gone home before the letter arrived, so we could not comply with their request—

41. The list of our Packets will tell your Honours what Books and Papers we send home to which we beg leave to refer—

42. Agreable to your Indulgence granted us we have drawn on your Honours the following bills of exchange payable at 8^{s} ℔ Peg^{da} and 2 months sight which we beg you will duly Honour.

1. 2. 3. To the order of M^{r}. John Drummond value of Major John Roach by Order of Hugh Cambell	£ 400	—	—	P 1000	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the Order of Duncan Munroe value of Major John Roach	661	3	7½	1652	34	28
1. 2. 3. To the order of Major John Roach value of himself ...	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Major John Roach value of himself ...	380	12	3	951	19	14
1. 2. 3. To the order of Joseph Jenes Osorio value of himself .	1200	—	—	3000	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the Order of John Walker value of Mordecai Walker	60	—	—	150	—	—

1. 2. 3. To the order of John Walker value of Thomas Weston	£ 51	41	—	P 128	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the [order] of Thomas Weston Senr. value of Thomas Weston Junior	179	2	10	447	30	6[0]
1. 2. 3. To the order of John Walker value of Mordecai Walker	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Thomas Lingwood value of James Hubbard, for produce of the estate of John Jarvis	17	12	—	44	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of John Styleman value of Samuel Hyde	60	—	—	150	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of John Styleman value of James Hubbard for produce of the estate of Daniel Woollaston	85	4	—	213	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Elizabeth Jeddre & Will: Goselin value of Michael Jeddre	300	—	—	750	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of John Rend value of himself	137	—	—	342	18	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Captain Thos. Gilbert value of himself on accot. of the estate of Chrisr: Boulton	77	6	10½	193	13	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of John Crawford value of Henry Crawford	150	—	—	375	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Edward Harrison & William Tully Esqrs. value of Timothy Tully ...	680	—	—	1700	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Henry Newman and Francis Hugonin, value of ye Ministers & Church wardens of St. Marys Church...	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of William Macket value of William Monson	99	7	4¾	248	15	[...]
1. 2. 3. To the order of Mordacai Walker value of himself ...	1200	—	—	3000	—	—
1. 2. 3. To the order of Francis Hugonin value of Mrs. Mary Houghton	80	—	—	200	—	—
	£6418 : 12 : 11¾					

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

43. By a private Letter from the West Coast, via Batavia of which a Copy comes in the packet, we have an account of the Death of Mr. Carnegie, he has left Your Honours his half of a pepper plantation called Hungerford with his intire half of Slaves Cattle Houses utinsels &ca thereto belonging together with 500 Spanish Dollars as a retaliation of the breach of orders which he consented to relateing to your Cash as more at large in a Copy of that of his Will inclosed in the Pacquet.

44. We have also an Account of the Deaths of M^r^. Tempest and M^r^. Houlditch and that M^r^. David Welsh is dismissed your Service for embezil^s^. the Stores. So that we have found it necessary to send M^r^. Nicholas Morse Deputy Governour who is one of our board, M^r^. Lennox to be Second, M^r^. Gollop third, M^r^. Savage fourth and we send M^r^. Charles Barrington fifth, M^r^. Greenslate we have agreed shall be Sixth we also send M^r^. Charles Gee over Secretary and to Succeed the first Vacansy to the Councill But because the Gentlemen here are pretty much averse to going thither on Account of the Sickliness of the Climate, we have made it a rule, that none upon this Establishment, that go from hence shall be Obliged to stay above three years, and we design unless Your Honours shall Direct otherwise to keep that place alternately Supplyed, from our Board, but that the present who go shall keep their [*one line missing*].

SUPPLEMENT.

Cap^t^. Robert Bootle in the London being in want of hands we have sent three refrac[tory] Soldiers on board, who are to work as Sailors, and are not upon the foot of persons, sent aboard by [an] agreement in Charter party, Your Honours are to pay nothing for their passage.

M^r^. English has paid into your Cash P^s^. 3063 : 1 : 52 which is all he has as yet rec^d^ on Account of the Estate of M^r^. Skinner—

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
20^TH^ JANRY 1727/8.

We are
HONBLE
Y^r^. faithfull humb Ser[^ts^].

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS LICENSED TO BE LADEN ON SHIP LONDON CAPT^A^. ROBERT BOOTLE COMMANDER FOR EUROPE—VIZ^T^.

BY JAMES MACRAE ESQ^R^.

F P N°. 3 — 1	one bulse value nine hundred twenty one pagodas thirty four fanams and forty three cash ... ... to Francis Porten Esq^r^. being with 2 other bulses ℔ Prince William and Sarum of d°. mark N°. 1 and 2 in full returns of 1 Chest of rough coral ℔ London and 3 Chests rough coral & one case of beads ℔ Mountague.	P 921	34	43
R A N°. 1.	1 one bulse value two thousand two hun^d^. forty four pag^s^. ... ... 2 for acco^t^. of Robert Adams Esq^r^.	2244	—	—

BY NATHANIEL TURNER.

I S N°. 3.	1 one bulse value one thousand nine hundred thirty five pagodas twenty nine fanams seventy four cash ... to M^r^. Isaac Salvadore—being with two other bulses ℔ Prince William and Sarum of d°. mark N°. 1 and 2 in full returns of 2 Chests Coral beads d°. mark N°. 3 & 4 ℔ Prince William 2 Chests d°. 1. and 2. ℔ Princess of Wales and 1 Chest d°. N°. 9 ℔ Bridgewater.	1935	29	74

BY NATHANIEL TURNER AND THOMAS NORMAN.

F N°. 3. 1 one bulse value three thousand three hundred forty four pagodas four fanams and sixty two cash 3344 4 62
to Mess^rs. Abraham and Jacob Franco being with two other bulses ℔ Prince William and Sarum of d°. mark N° 1 and 2 in full returns of 2 Chests rough Coral F N°. 3. 4 and 2 Chests of Coral beads JR F N°. 1. and A. J. F. N°. 1 ℔ London and 1 Chest of beads — F N°. 5.

BY THOMAS NORMAN.

R N
N°. 1. 1 one bulse value two thousand seven hund^d. twenty four pagodas twenty fanams and twelve cash 2724 20 12
to M^r Robert Norman in full returns of a chest of Coral beads sent out by
F Mess^rs. Abraham and Jacob Franco, on the Walpole.

N°. 2. 1 one bulse value one thousand six hundred eighty seven pagodas and twenty one fanams ... ... 1687 21 —
to Mess^rs. Abraham and Jacob Franco in full returns.
2—of a box of coral beads of d°. mark ℔ London.

BY GEORGE TORRIANO.

N N°. V. N 1 one bulse value eighteen hundred & ninety pagodas ... ... 1890 — —
N N°. G. T. 1 one bulse value four hundred
2 — pagodas ... ... 400 — —

BY GEORGE TORRIANO AND SAMUEL PARKES.

A I
F N°. 1. 1 one bulse value three thousand seven hundred eighty two pagodas twenty three fanams and sixty cash ... 3782 23 60
to Mess^rs. Abraham and Jacob Franco in full returns of 3 chests coral d°. mark N°. 2. 3 4 ℔ Leithieullier.
NE N°. 2 — 1 one bulse—value four thousand seven hundred sixty one pagodas and
2 — twenty eight fanams ... ... 4761 28 —
to Nathaniel Elwick Esq^r.

BY NATHANIEL TURNER AND AARON FRANKS.

R B N°. 2 1 One bulse value three thousand nine hundred forty eight pagodas thirteen fanams and fifty cash 3948 13 50
to Mr. Richard Benyon.

11 bulses Carried over—Value Pagodas

REGISTER OF DIAMONDS LICENSED TO BE LADEN ON BOARD SHIP SARUM CAPTAIN GEORGE NEWTON COMMANDER FOR EUROPE VIZ^{T}.

BY JAMES MACRAE ESQ^{R}.

F P N°. 2.	1 one bulse value one thousand and seven pagodas and eighteen fanams ... to Francis Porten Esq^{r}. being with two other bulses ℔ Prince William and London of d°. mark N°. 1 and 3 in full returns of one chest of Coral rough ℔ London & 3 Chests of d°. and one case of beads ℔ Mountague.	P. 1007	18	—
R A N°. 3.	1 one bulse—value two thousand five — hund^{d}. forty nine pagodas ... 2 for acco^{t}. of Robert Adams Esq^{r}.	2549	—	—

BY NATHANIEL TURNER.

J T N°. 2.	1 one bulse value one thousand two hundred and six pagodas six fanams and sixty cash ... ... to M^{r}. John Turner.	1206	6	60
I S N°. 2.	1 one bulse—value Three thousand four hundred fifty six. Pagodas nine fanams and forty cash ... ... to M^{r}. Isaac Salvadore, being with two other bulses ℔ Prince William and London of ditto mark N°. 1 & 3 in full returns of 2 Chests of Coral beads I. S. N°. 1. 2. ℔ Princess of Wales Two d°. N°. 3. 4 ℔ Prince William and one ditto N°. 9 ℔ Bridgewater.	3456	9	40
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BY NATHANIEL TURNER AND THOMAS NORMAN.

F N N°. 2 —	1 one bulse—value three thousand eight hundred twenty three pagodas thirty five fanams and fifty one cash ... to Mess^{rs}. Abraham and Jacob Franco, being with two other bulses ℔ Prince William and London N°. 1 and 3 in full returns of 2 Chests of rough coral F N°. 3. 4. and 2 Chests coral beads J R N°. 1 and A J F F N° 1 ℔ London and one chest of beads F N°. 5 ℔ Walpole.	3823	35	51

BY ROBERT NORMAN.

R N N°. 2.	1 one bulse—value one thousand and ninety three pagodas and twenty seven fanams ... ... to M^{r}. Robert Norman, being with another bulse ℔ Prince William d°. mark N°. 3 in full of a Chest of Coral beads sent by Mess^{rs}. Abraham & Jacob Franco on the Walpole.	1093	27	—

J R F N°. 2	1	one bulse—value eight hundred seventy eight pagodas seven fanams and fifty cash	878	7	50
		to Mess[rs]. Abraham and Jacob Franco in full returns of 2 Chests of rough			
	2 —	coral d°. mark N°. 2 & 3 ℔ Walpole.			
		BY GEORGE TORRIANO.			
N N°. M.	1	one bulse value three hundred and two pagodas thirty two fanams and thirty two cash	302	32	32.
		to M[r]. Nathanael Torriano.			
		BY GEORGE TORRIANO AND SAMUEL PARKES.			
NE N°. 4	1	one bulse—value three thousand seven hundred thirty seven pagodas thirteen fanams and forty Cash ...	3737	13	40
		to Nathaniel Elwick Esq[r].			
		BY NATHANIEL TURNER AND AARON FRANKS.			
R B N°. 1	1	one bulse value four thousand three hundred and seven pagodas twenty eight fanams & forty seven cash ...	4307	28	47
		to M[r]. Richard Benyon.			
	10	Bulses Carried over—value Pagodas.			

To CAP[T]. THOMAS GILBERT
COMMANDER OF SHIP PRINCE WILLIAM

S[R].

You having acquainted us that you cannot take more goods in on board your ship You are hereby Ordered to Repair on board and with the first Opportunity of Wind and weather to Proceed and make the Best of your way for the Port of London and what[ever] Port of Great Brittain you arrive at first wee Order you to send away your Purse[r] Overland with our Pacquet delivered you in a Box marked A directed to the Honourable Court of directors for affairs of the united company of Merchants Of England Trading to the East Indies, to whom your ship goes consigned, tak[ing] Care to write yourselfe to the Honourable Court of Directors an account of what May happen Material in your Voyage.

Wee dispatch Ships Sarum Captain George Newton and London Captain Robert Bootle in company with you so that you Must agree with The Commanders on such Signalls as Shall be Necessary which you as Elder commander are directed to make as Occasion shall Require.

Wee do Strictly Enjoyn you to keep company together for your Mutua[l] Security and as you shall answer it to our honourable Masters who have Made the Penalty of disobeying their Orders, The being Rendered ever after incapable of being Employed in their Service again.

Our Honourable Masters Likewise Expressly forbid any of Their Homeward bound shipping to Touch at the Cape So that you must Proceed directly to S[t]. Helena and on your arrival deliver your Pacquet and the Stores you have on board for the use of the Island to the Governo[ur] and Council there, but Remember in going in to anchor before you come Ope[n] with Chappel Valley near Mundens Point and Send your boat ashore [to] Let the Governour know who you are he Having Orders to Fire at all ship[s] that don't observe these directions.

Wee Recommend to you to keep a Strict watch dureing the Voyage and to be Cautious of Comeing Near any ship at Sea and Particularly wh[en] you come Near the Channel for fear of Warr which at this distance wee cann[ot] be advised of

Wee wish you a good voyage and Date this in Fort S[t]. George This Twenty [*lacuna*] Day of January 1727.

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113 12 5	Coffee one Hundred & Thirteen Candy twelve Maund and five Pound cost, seaven thousand one hundred fifty Seaven Pagodas at (*sic*) Fifteen Fenams & Thirty Eight Cash	P[s]. 7157	f[s]. 15	cash. 38
31 Corge—	Long cloath blue Thirty one Corge cost one Thousand One Hundred & fourty Pagodas	1140	—	—
40 Corge—	Chints Fourty Corge cost Nine Hundred & Sixty Pagodas ...	960	—	—
42½ Corge—	Ginghams Fourty two & a halfe cost Five hundred & four Pagodas	504	—	—
2165 Pounds—	Gallingalls two thousand one Hundred & Sixty five Pounds cost Seaventy three Pagodas Twenty one fenams & Seaventy six cash	73	21	76
1958 Pounds—	Long Pepper One thousand Nine hundred & fifty Eight Pounds Cost one Hundred & one Pagodas Twenty Nine Fenams & Thirty cash	101	29	30
827 Pounds—	Ledoary Eight hundred & twenty seaven pounds Cost Fourty six Pagodas ten fenams & Eighteen Cash	46	10	18
1037 Pounds—	Wormseeds One thousand and Thirty seaven pounds cost One Hundred and twenty four Pagodas fifteen Fenams and Sixty one Cash ...	124	15	61
948½ Pounds—	Rubarb Nine hundred and fourty Eight and halfe Pounds Cost One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety seaven Pagodas	1897	—	—
1411 Pounds—	Myrh One thousand four hundred and Eleven Pounds cost One Hundred and ninety seaven Pagodas nineteen fenams & thirty five Cash ...	197	19	35
1970 Pounds—	Gumbouge one thousand nine hundred and seaventy pounds cost two hundred and seaventy five Pagodas twenty Eight fenams and Sixty four Cash...	275	28	64

664 Pounds—	Cass Ligna Six hundred and sixty four pounds cost One hundred and Six Pagodas Eight fenams and fifty one Cash	106	8	51
180 Pounds—	Native Cinnabar One hundred and Eighty pounds cost Two Hundred and Seaventy Pagodas	270	—	—
	[Pa^{s}. ...			]

From Bengall.

100 Pounds—	Olibanum M^{ds}. One hundred pounds cost One Thousand Currant Rupees	R 1000	—	—
400 Pounds—	Salt Peter Four hundred pounds Cost One thousand Eight Hundred Rupees	1800	—	—
152 Pounds—	Tummerick One hundred and fifty two pounds cost four hundred and Ninety Six Rupees	496	—	—
	Pearle Shetts One thousand two Hundred Rupees	1200	—	—
14650—	Canes fourteen thousand Six Hundred and Fifty cost Two thousand five Hundred and Eighty One Rupees... ...	2581	—	—
	Rupees ...	7077	—	—

Fort S^{t}. George Jan^{ry}. 17th. 1727.

Register of Private Trade Licens'd to be laden by Cap^{t}. Robert Bootle on board the ship London Jan^{ry}. 1727/8—Viz^{t}.

3 Chests—	Rhabarb: Three chests Poizing neat Three Hundred Eighty seaven pounds and a Halfe at two Pagodas ℔ chest is seaven bundred and seaventy five Pagodas	Ps. 775	[F. —	C.] —
24 Baggs—	Woormseed: twenty four Baggs poizing n^{t}. thirteen Hundred twenty four pounds at Fifty five pagodas ℔ Candy is one Hundred and fourty five pagodas & Twenty three Fenams ...	145	23	
10 Baggs—	Long Pepper Ten Baggs poizing n^{t}: Eleven hundr^{d}. Twenty four pounds at twenty five pagodas ℔ Candy is Fifty six pagodas seaven fenams and sixteen cash	56	7	16

21 Baggs—	Zetisarey twenty one Baggs poizing nt. fifteen hundred forty pounds at Twenty five Pagodas ℔ Candy is Seaventy seaven Pagodas	77	—	—
39 Baggs—	Galingall Thirty nine Baggs poizing nt. thirty five hundred ninety three pounds & a halfe at fifteen Pagodas ℔ Candy is one hundred seaven Pagodas twenty eight fenams & seaventy nine Cash	107	28	79
10 Chests—	Olibanum ten chests poizing nt. fourty three hundred seaventy pounds at twenty Eight Pagodas ℔ Candy is two hundred fourty four Pagodas twenty five fenams & Sixty three Cash ...	244	25	[63]
5 Chests & 11 Baggs.	Cass—Ligna five chests and Eleven Baggs poizing nt. Nine hundred Eleven pounds at Eighty pagodas ℔ Candy is one hundred forty five pagodas twenty seaven fenams & twenty nine Cash	145	27	2[9]
10 Baggs—	Folium Malabathrum ten Baggs poizing nt. five Hundred thirty pounds at fifteen pagodas ℔ Candy is fifteen pagodas thirty two fenams & thirty five cash	15	32	[35]
	[Pags.			]
300 Pieces—	Barridaries three hundred pieces cost Five hundred and Sixty two Rupees & twelve Anneis.	562	12	—
100 Pieces—	Soosies one hundred pieces cost Eight hundred Rupees ...	800	—	—
200 Pieces—	Chint Pattna two hundred pieces cost Nine hundred Rupees ...	900	—	—
120 Maund—	Turmerick one hundred & twenty maund cost Three hundred and ninety Rupees ...	390	—	—
9 Ditto—	Cassia Lignum Nine Maund cost Three Hundred & twelve Rupees and twelve Anneis ...	312	12	—
35 D°.—	Olibanum Thirty five Maund cost two hundred and Eighty Rupees	280	—	—
2½ d°.—	Mirrh two & a halfe Maund cost Sixty Rupees	60	—	—
50 D°.—	Alloes Fifty maund cost One thousand two hundred & fifty Rupees	1250	—	—
30 d°.—	Long Pepper thirty Maund cost Three hundred & Thirty Rupees	330	—	—

358 Pieces—	Soot Romalls three hundred & fifty eight pieces cost One thousand one hundred & Sixty three Rupees and Eight Anneis	1163	8	—
	Rupees ...	6049	—	—
20 hundred—	Sago Twenty hundred cost fifty Pagodas	50	—	—
5000—	Canes five thousand cost Three hundred & twenty Five Pagodas	325	—	—
10000—	China Cups ten thousand cost One hundred and fourty Pagodas	140	—	—
[900 ...]	Saucers Nine hundred cost twenty seven pagod^{s}.	27	—	—
[200 ...]	dishes two hundred cost Fifty Pagodas	50	—	—
[2000 ...]	ns two thousand cost Thirty Pagodas	30	—	—
	Pagodas ...	622	—	—
114 Pound—	Rhubarb: One hundred and fourteen Pound Cost Two hundred and twenty Eight Pagodas ...	228	—	—
50 Corge—	Ginghams: fifty Corge Cost five hundred Pagodas	500	—	—
1000 bundles-	Rattans One thousand Bundles Cost One hundred and fifty Pagodas	150	—	—
64 Candy—	Coffee Sixty four Candy Cost Three thousand Eight hundred & fourty Pagodas	3840	—	—
30 Corge—	Chint Madrass Thirty Corge Cost seaven hundred and Eighty Pagodas	780	—	—
15 Corge—	Handkerchiefs Madrass fifteen Corge Cost two hundred and Seaventy Pagodas	270	—	—
	Pagodas ...	6390	—	—

List of the Packet ℔ Prince William,

N^{o}. 1. General Letter to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors ℔ Prince William dated [*lacuna*] January 1727-28.

2. Duplicate General Letter to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors ℔ Ship Princess of Wales Dated Sept^{r}. 1727.

3. Invoice of Ship Prince William for England amounting to [*blank in original.*]

4. Duplicate Invoice of Ship Princess of Wales for England amounting to [*blank in original*].

N°. 5. Invoice of Ship London for England amounting to [*blank in original.*]
6. First Bill of Lading for the Cargo aboard the Pr^ce^: William for England.
7. Second Bill of Lading for Goods aboard the Prince[ss] of Wales.
8. First Bill of Lading for the London's Cargo [for] [E]ngland.
9. Copy of the Princess of Wales Invoice [. . .].
10. Copy of the London's Dispatches—for Eng[land].
11. Cap^t^. Mackets Second Receipt for the Prs^s^. Wales's Packe[ts].
12. Second Receipt for the Stanhope's Packet.
13. Capt^n^. Pitt's Receipt for Guns, Freight free.
14. Muster Roll of Ship Prince William's Men.
15. Survey of Warlike stores on board her.
16. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Coromandel.
17. List of Inhabitants at Madrass.
18. Merchants Indent for Broad Cloth.
19. List of marriages at Fort S^t^. George.
— Births —
— Burials —
20. List of Revenues of the Coast of Coromandel.
21. Account Remains in the Import Warehouse.
22. Indent for Wares &c^a^.
23. Account outcry of remnants of woollen Goods.
24. Account Remains of Stores.
25. Indent for D°.
26. Surgeons Demand for Medicines wanting.
27. Assay Master's Indent.
28. Packet from the Hon^ble^: President & Council of Bengal.
29. D° to M^r^. Secretary Woolley from thence.
30. Register of Diamonds Lycensed on the Prince William amounting to [*blank in original.*]
31. Register of Goods Laden by Cap^t^: Gilbert on the Prince William amounting to Six thousand three hundred & ninety Pagodas 6390.
32. Muster Roll of the first Company of Soldiers.
33. — Second Company.
34. — of the Gunroom Crew.
35. — of the Peons.
36. — of Ship London's Men.
37. Survey of her Powder Shot &c^a^.
38. Ship Marlbrough's Account Current.
39. Ship King Geo[rge's—do.—]
40. Accounts of M^r^. John Blunt deceased at Ingerum of his own hand writing.
41. Account of charges attending the proceedings upon the murther of M^r^. John Packer.
42. Surgeon of the Walpole his 1^st^ receipt for head money.
43. Surgeon of the Lethieullier's 1^st^ rec^t^. for d°.

List of Books in the packet ℔ Prince William.

N°. 1. Fort S^t^. George journal A. A.—comm^s^. primo May 1726.
ending ult° April 1727.
2. ledger A. A.—comm^s^. primo May 1726.
ending ult°. April 1727.
3. journal Z—comm^s^. primo May 1725.
ending ult°. April 1726.
4. ledger Z—Comm^s^. primo May 1725.
Ending ult°. April 1726.
5. journal parcels—comm^s^. 1^st^ May 1727.
ending ult°. Nov^r^. 1727.

N°. 6. Fort S^{t}. George Import Warehouse journal—Comm^{s}. primo May 1726.
Ending ult°. April 1727.
7. d°. Ledger—Comm^{s} & end^{s}. d°.
8. d°. Journal parcels—comm^{s}. primo May 1727.
ending ult°. Decem^{r} 1727.
9. Export Warehouse journal—Comm^{s}. primo May 1726.
Ending ult°. April 1727.
10. d°. Ledger—Comm^{s}. & ending d°.
11. d°. Journal parcels—Comm^{s}. primo May 1727.
Ending ult°. Decem^{r} 1727.
12. Fort St. George Mint registers—Comm^{s}. primo Janry 1726.
ending ult°. Decem^{r} 1727.
13. Mint Accounts Current—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
14. Abstracts of the Storekeeper's Acco^{ts}.—Comm^{s}. primo Janry 1726.
Ending ult°. Decem^{r}. 1727.
15. Fort St. David Journal Letter A—Comm^{s}. primo May 1726.
Ending ult°. April 1727.
16. d°. Leidger A—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
17. Vizagapatam Journal Letter A—Comm^{s}. primo May 1726.
ending ult°. April 1727.
18. d°. Leidger A—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
19. Madapollam journal—Comm^{s}. primo [...17] 26.
ending ult° Apri[l...17]27.
20. d°. Leidger—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
21. Fort S^{t}. George Paym^{rs}. Acco^{ts}. from primo Janry 1726.
to ult°. Decem^{r} 1727.
22. Vizagapatam d°.—comm^{s}. and ending d°.
23. Fort S^{t}. David d°.—comm^{s}. and ending d°.
24. Fort St. George Sea Customer's Register—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
25. d°. Cash Accounts—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
26. Fort St. George Land Custom^{r}. Register—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
27. Fort S^{t}. George Diaries and Consultations—Comm^{s}. and ending d°.
28. Fort S^{t}. David—d°. comm^{s}. and ending d°.
29. Vizagapatam—d°. comm^{s}. and ending d°.
30. Fort S^{t}. George Letters Sent—comm^{s}. 9th Janry 1726.
ending 30th Decem^{r} 1727.
31. d°. Letters received—comm^{s}. 27th December 1726.
ending 11th Decem^{r}. 1727.
32. d°. List of Ships arrival and departure—Comm^{s}.Janry. 1726.
ending Decem^{r}. 1727.
33. d°. Proceedings of the Mayor's Court—Comm^{s}. 17th August 1727.
ending 29th Decem^{r}. 1727.
34. d°. S^{t}. Mary's Church Leidger—Comm^{s}. [*lacuna.*]
Ending [*lacuna.*]
35. d°. Country Letters received and sent—Comm^{s}. January 1726.
Ending Decem^{r}. 1727.
36. d°. Proceedings of Oyer and Terminer anno 1727.
37. d°. Proceedings of the Court of Appeals anno 1727.

List of the Packet ℔ Ship Sarum.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Hon'ble Court of Directors ℔ Sarum—dated Janry. [*lacuna*] 1727.
2. Triplicate Gen[l]. Letter to d°. ℔ Princess of Wales—dated [*lacuna*].
3. Invoice of ship Sarum for London—amounting to P[s] [*lacuna*].
4. Dup[l]. invoice of Ship Prince William for London—amounting to P[s]. [*lacuna*].
5. First bill of lading of ship Sarum for London.
6. Second bill of lading of ship Prince William for London.
7. Copy of Captain George Newtons dispatches.
8. Muster role of ship Sarum's men.
9. Survey of warlike stores on board the Sarum.
10. Dup[l]. Survey of warlike stores on b[d]. the Prince William.
11. Dup[l]. Muster role of Prince William's men.
12. lists of Marriages Births and Burials at Fort S[t]. George anno. 1727.
13. list of revenues at Fort S[t]. George anno 1727—amounting to P[s]. [*lacuna.*]
14. Merchants indent for Broad cloth.
15. list of remains in the Impo[rt] Warehouse.
16. list of demands for [Stor]es.
17. dup[l]. account outcry of remnants of woollen goods &[ca].
18. list of re [mains in] the Storehouse.
19. list of dema[nds for] Stores.
20. Surgeon's list of demands.
21. Assaymaster's list of demands.
22. a packet directed to [H] Court of Directors—rece[d]. from Bengal.
23. register of diamonds licensed ℔ Sarum—amounting to P[s]. [*lacuna.*]
24. register of Goods manifested by Capt[a]. George Newton in private trade.
25. muster role of the first Company of Foot Soldiers in Fort S[t]. George.
26. d°. Second Company.
27. d°. Gunroom Crew.
28. d°. Peons.
29. Account Current of Ship Marlbrough.
30. d°. of Brigantine George.
31. Abstracts of what received from and sent to Bengal—anno 1727.
32. Account of charges attending the proceedings on the murther of M[r]. Packer.
33. list of Covenanted Servants on the Choromandel Coast.
34. list of Inhabitants at Fort S[t]. George.
35. Calculate of Ship Sarum's tonnage.
36. Abstracts of Land Customer's Accounts from Jan[ry] to Decem[r].
37. list of Ships Exporting and Importing from the departure of the Princess of Wales.
38. List of the Packet.

List of the packet ℔ London.

N°. 1. General letter to the Hon'ble Court of Directors—dated [*lacuna*] Jan[ry] 1727 ℔ London.
2. Invoice of ship London for London—amounting to P[s]. [*lacuna.*]
3. dup[l]. invoice of ship Sarum for London—amounting to P[s]. [*lacuna.*]
4. first bill of lading of ship London for London.
5. Second bill of lading of ship Sarum for London.
6. Copy of Captain's dispatches.
7. Calculate of Ship London's Tonnage.
8. Abstract of what received from and sent to Bengal—anno 1727.
9. Register of diamonds licensed ℔ Ship London.
10. register of the Captains private Trade.
11. muster role of ship London's men.

12. Surveys of warlike stores on board the London.
13. dup^{l}. muster role of ship Sarum's men.
14. dup^{l}. survey of warlike Stores on b^{d}. the Sarum.
15. list of the packet.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 27, 1729. RECEIVED PER GEORGE THE 29TH JULY 1729. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3, pp. 1–21. (India Office Transcript.)*]

1. Their last bore date 20th January 1727–8 per Prince William &c^{a}., since which time receiv'd the Company's Letters of the 11th Xber, and 14th February, also Copy of one to Bencoolen per James and Mary, to which now Reply under the usual Heads.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Congratulate the Company on the safe arrival of their ships.

3. The Heathcote and Stretham imported 5th July, Aislabie 26th, Compton with Governor Deane the 5th August, George the 9th and Frances 12th September, Hertford from Surat 22th May and the Walpole from Judda 10th August, the Hertford proceeded to the Bay 2d July, the Stretham the 13th July, Heathcote 28th, Aislabie 9th August, Compton 2d September, Walpole 15th, George 15th, Frances 12th.

4. Are informed from the Bay they design the Walpole, Heathcote, Stretham and Aislabie for Europe, the Compton to Judda, and the other three are arrived at the Fort, two of them brought from Vizagapatam 446 Bales, they now dispatch the two largest, and send Captain Lawson as soon as possible in Company with the James and Mary who came from the West Coast the 2d January.

5. The Company's ship Marlborough arrived from Pegue 19th March, cost Pag^{s}. 632: 4: 14. refitting, sail'd for Bencoolen with Mr. Morse the 24th April, and return'd the 27th September, sent her back the 16th October.

6. George Brigantine arrived from Bencoolen 8th March sail'd to Fort St. David 19th April, return'd 4th May, sailed to D^{o}. 16th August for Bales and returned 6th September, sailed to Bombay to refitt the 12th October.

7. As they acquainted the Company she was well refitted at Pegue last year to outward appearance, but in her Passage to Bencoolen in a hard Gale of Wind she spew'd the Oakam out of her upper works, and some out of her Bottom, and the new Caulking at Bencoolen as ill done, therefore resolved in Consultation 3d September on sending her to Bombay to be refitted, in part induced thereto by a Freight the President offer'd of six hundred Pagothas.

8. Wrote to Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo, desiring Convoys for her and resolved in Consultation 9th September to send a Serjeant and Four Men, and to put four large Guns on board her, hear she has been at Tellicherry and has proceeded on her way.

9. Aislabie's Madeira Wine went to the Bay, the George's they took ashore there, the leakage was 3 Pipes, Survey of the Stowage after Consultation 20th August, sold 14 Pipes only at 50 Pag^{s}. per Pipe, they hope to get the rest off at that rate, but least they should not have wrote to Bengall to know what they can dispose of, and at what price, they tryed it at Outcry but could sell only one Pipe at 50 Pag^{s}., the Captain of the George sold only 20 Pipes, and Captain Birch none.

10. The Orders in the Company's 5th Par^{a}. constantly complyed with.

11. They take the utmost care in examining the several Expences of the Company's ships, wrote last year that they could not hire a vessel on the Company's account for the West Coast.

12. Stores wanting per ships Mary and King George enter'd after Consultation 12th July and Copy sent in the Packet.

13. When have orders from the Secret Committee shall duly obey them.

14. The Hertford seized by the French condemned at Pegue.

15. Glad the Company approved of their keeping the Lyell and other ships a few days to go in company with the Mary, thought it more for the Company's Interest to dispatch 2 of the largest ships first as per Consultation 3d Instant.

16. They are particularly careful to see the Bales well secured with Brushwood and Tarpawlins to prevent Damage by the Spray of the Sea.

17. Have advised the Captains of the Company's orders relating to Tea &c^{a}., Surveys of their Men, Powder &c^{a} sent in the Packet.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

18. Coined the Heathcote's Treasure into Rupees and sent them to the Bay.

19. Every thing on her and the other ships came in good Order, the Cloth as usual Contracted for by the Merchants, great part of the Lead lyes on hand, expecting only six hundred Candy, agreed in Consultation 23th August to sell at 16 Pagothas per Candy.

20. The advance Price paid by the Merchants in the Country for Cloth &c^{a}. have prevented their raising the Price of the Woollen Manufacture, since their Godowns are empty there is a small advantage made by it.

21. The remains of the Nightingales wreck'd Goods did not come this year, when they do, shall be brought to Account.

22. The 8 Piggs of Lead were not lost by the Mussoolas splitting by the weight of the lading but by the Sea breaking into and filling them.

23. Glad the Company approved of sending the large Anchors to Bengall to be disposed of there, hope the Company will likewise approve of the Agreement made in Consultation 17th June to sell the President some large Anchors and Guns for Manilla &c^{a}.

24. The Paper, Quills &c^{a}. Stationary Ware sent not good thô amended, since last Season have receiv'd no Wax, but in the packet send a stick of the former.

25. They examine every Item of the Profitt and Loss wrote off by the Storekeeper before they allow it, the Allowance of this year amounts only to Pag^{s}. 211 : 22 : 48 enter'd after Consultation 20th May.

26. No Broad Cloth has been imported since their Orders about the Parcell from Mocha, if any brought shall confiscate it.

27. No Coire Cordage has been Imported since their Orders and that made with them preserves its Reputation.

28. The Embossed Cloth and Flint Ware demanded from Vizagapatam was a small quantity for Presents, which they could not then supply them with, the Embost Cloth receiv'd this year is not yet sold.

29. All their Indents and Accounts, Remains, and other Papers regularly drawn and shall be continued.

30. The Price of Lead has fallen since last year, and have sold 600 Candy at 16 Pagodas.

31. In their General Letter from Bengall No. 11, the price of Broad Cloth was about 15 per cent more than they (at the Fort) sold for, but in the same letter they write its expected wou'd fall 15 to 20 per cent, so that they should not have sent any thither, had they not been under contract with their Merchants for the whole.

32. Agreed in Consultation 25th March, Holl^{ds}. Duck shou'd be sold at 10 Pag^{s}. per Bolt.

33. Fort St. David in their General Letter No. 11, inclose an Account of Proffit and Loss in their Storehouse, in Consultation 27th May allowed them to be wrote off.

34. In Consultation 12th August agreed to sell at Outcry, Druggs, Camblets, Velvets &c^{a}., what little was sold the Account enter'd after 9th September, sent the Frances's Velvets to the Bay, also her Lead and Coals.

35. Took out of the George with Mr. Dean's consent all her Iron.

36. They have these several years supply'd the Bay with a large quantity of Treasure, and for more full supplying them this year, have purchased 183,000 Pag^{s}. worth in Town and at Pondicherry, and have not sold one Ounce except to their China ship, but sent all to the Bay.

37. It was spared the China ship at the price it cost with the indulgence of a $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar in 10 Pag^{s}., Mr. Peers Dissent thereto, enter'd in Consultation 1st July.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

38. Will punctually observe the Orders in the List of Investments and have sent home this year's Cloth without Numbers, hope the Cargo's now sent will give Content, the Merchants will have all reasonable Encouragement given them.

39. Some Vizagapatam Cloth washed there, but conged at the Fort, the rest wholly washed at the Fort, the Ingeram Cloth washed there all but $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bales came up brown.

40. Advised last year of Mr. Blunt's death and Mr. Davis made provisional Chief of Vizagapatam.

41. None of the fine Betellees, the Company wrote for are procurable.

42. Upon Mr. Blunt's death, made Mr. Saunderson Resident at Ingeram, in their Letter No. 12. the Company will find the Instructions given him, by the latter Ships will come some of his Cloth provided there.

43. They have receiv'd no Salt Petre from the Bay this Year, and their quantity grown within compass again.

44. Glad the Company approves of the Goods sent the two first years of the President's Government, and those last, and this year hope will give equal satisfaction.

45. Wrote last year what Measures they took to ease the Merchants, in case the Sorters were too scrupulous, at present hear no Complaints, but when they do, will do the Merchants Justice, as they did 25th March last relating to turned out Cloth.

46. Standard for Sallempores is $2\frac{1}{8}$ Covids, wrote last year without an advance in price the Weavers wou'd not put more threads in a piece than before, and therefore did lay the Cloth at $2\frac{1}{4}$, Sallempores by these Ships are only $2\frac{1}{8}$.

47. Wrote last year of the death of Mr. Blunt, and a Sketch of his Management at Ingeram, appointed a Committee to sort the Cloth from that Settlement, Report in Consultation 1st March, Amount Invoice Pagodas 5040: F. 6: C. 24.

48. The 15th February enter'd on a new Contract, but consented to lend the Merchants 10,000 Pag^{s}. more than the former year, the Cloth receiv'd on this new Contract have sorted by musters sent them. Have permitted Fort St. Davids to advance their Merchants Pagodas 15,000, on making their Contract, Mr. Pitt advis'd he had contracted with a Sett of People for 2,000 Bales at the old prices, all but the long Cloth fine agreed in Consultation 9th March to permit them to advance the price to the same they paid.

49. Receiv'd a Letter from Bombay desiring Musters of their Cloth be sent to Anjengo in order for an Investment, accordingly sent one piece Longcloth ord^{y}. one piece midling, one piece fine.

50. Fort St. David sent them up a Bale of Worriapollam and Nagore Cloth, Have chose a Muster of the former, but not of the latter for Reasons formerly given.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

51. Peace reigning near them, and the Troubles at Metchlepatam being near at an End, their Business meets with little Impediment there.

52. On their prohibiting the Building of Ships at Pegue, the Bengallers immediately built several, and sent a Resident thither in Opposition to theirs, have wrote a Letter to Bengall complaining thereof, they build ships in the Ganges, therefore hope will be disallow'd it in Pegue.

53. In Consultation 1st August the President represented the Inconveniencys of the too General Libertys in Trade, proposed Methods to prevent it, but the Company's Orders per Compton stopt their further Enquirys, giving general Liberty of Trade to their Servants in India, flatter themselves will not be the only People excluded.

54. Know not the Causes of Complaint the Bombayers have against the Bengallers, but theirs are such as formerly represented, when they traded to Bengall were charged 2½ per cent on the Sales of their Goods brought down to Calcutta and 5 on the investment, and to be charged 20 or 25 per cent for Goods bought at Cassimbuzar, Dacca &c^{a}. think very unreasonable.

55. The answer to the Company's 103 par^{a}. revoking the Liberty they were made to hope for in the 42th, and telling them when Goods are provided on the Coast for Gentlemen in Bengall charge them the Madrass Price, are surprized the Company should think adequate to their Complaint, no making the Madrass price for Goods different from that of Trincombar, Pondicherry, Porto Novo &c^{a}., Bengall ships touch at all ports on the Coast to buy and sell and call at the Fort chiefly for metals and Rupees, Spice and Copper have of the Dutch, Coire and Chank generally at Nagore, Their Tin fetch from Mergy, Junkceylone, Pegue, and Syam, no one thing bought at the Fort but may be bought on the Coast except Tootenague which is sold at Outcry, Bengallers have the same Priviledge at the Gate with themselves, Bengall takes off none of Coast Goods except Cotton, the blue Cloth which used to buy at Porto Novo, now provided at Fort St. David being cheaper and better, cannot be upon a Par with those of Bengall except allow'd Access to all the Marts in Calcutta as they have at Madrass.

56. Will make it their study to keep the Governing Moors in good Humour at the lowest expence they can.

57. Last year sent the state of Revenues and expences at Vizagapatam.

58. Deliver'd up the Bonds taken from several Persons for Silver and taken others from Messrs. Peers and Barrington this year, no mention made in the Company's Letters of their Silver being licenc'd.

59. The Trade to Bussero always been carry'd on from Bengall, in the Harrison only the Madrassers were a part concern'd.

60. Mr. Harts charge against Mr. Houssaye not being tho^{t}. just is silent on that Subject.

61. The new Farm erected in the Country for Tobacco and Beetle come to nothing.

62. Peddu executed 29th January, his Body to be hung in Chains at Fort St. Davids.

63. In Consultation 12th February took into Consideration a Letter from Bengall about the Estate of Captain Hurdis deceased at Bussero, he borrow'd several summs in Bengall belonging to Persons here who apply'd to Mayor's Court for Letters [of] Administration for part of said Estate, resolved not to interfere, the Mayor's Court having Power of Granting Probatts of Wills and Letters of Administration, But having Power of making By Laws, Order'd, that Respondentia Bonds be paid out of the Effects on board ship before other Debts be allow'd a Claim on them. Of this resolve have advis'd Bengall and Bombay, which the former will not allow of, however are determin'd to put in practice until forbid by the Company.

64. On Advice of the death of His late Majesty fired 100 half minute Guns and after them 101 Canon for Accession of his present Majesty, proclaiming him by the name of George the Second, the Charge amounting to 51 : 16 : 15.

65. The Brigantine seized at Mascarine in October, 1727 took a Pass to Mozambique, Delagoa and Mallabar Coast and touched at Maurities for water, where the Captain sold a Hat, Stockings and Sooseys to about 30 Dollars for which a French ship carry'd him to Mascarine and was condemned as lawful Prize, the 17th June the Owners petition'd them, who wrote to Pondicherry complaining of the Affront offer'd their Pass. They answer no Appeal lyes but to France. Depositions of the Master and Officers enter'd after Consultation 29th August.

66. After Consultation 27th June enter'd a request from Mr. Adams, in consequence of it after those of 15th and 22th July, Depositions of Master and Mates of the Margaret about the Murther of Mr. Hill and others at Judda.

67. The left hand Cast advancing on the bounds of that of the right, occasion'd Broils and Quarrels on account their Ceremonies interfering, which the President has compos'd, they have mutually consented to several Agreements which are enter'd after Consultation 4th of November.

68. Mr. Barne who went to Pegue to gather in his Effects, endeavour'd to get out of their reach, but the President and Council of Bengall taken care that he come to England this year.

69. President and Council of Bombay levy'd ½ per cent above the consulage at Bussora on Goods not consign'd to the Chief for his Applications to the Government there; Thought the Cons^{s}. paid was for that Service without paying their Fellow Servants likewise for it.

70. Are advis'd the Troubles in Persia near at an End.

71. Advis'd last year the Gentlemen at Anjengo had paid for Sunca Ramah's Cotton, but only in part, King of Travencore made fresh Demands on them, a Committee of their Board deliver'd a Report thereof 4th April, upon which order'd Sunca Ramah to write to King of Travencore to make no further Demands on that Account.

72. Some years ago Mr. Sarson's Effects being seized on at Bombay to satisfye his Debts to the Company was found a Bond to him from Mr. Acton who then was unable to pay, but this year bringing Goods from Mocha were secured as per Consultation 12th February, he paid in 9th March Pag^{s}. 600, 20th May 600 more, and 26th August 53 : 28 the Ballance.

73. The Letter from Secretary Woolley too late for their China ships, they now return both Copys.

74. Also send two Letters receiv'd from Bengall.

75. In Letter Book receiv'd and sent are Letters between the Governour and Council of Negapatam, Pullicat and them relating to 5 Men deserting one of their ships, were demanded without Terms, but obtain'd a Promise their Lives should be spared.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

76. 6th February receiv'd an Estimate from the Mayors Court for Repairs necessary for the Town, Report of Expence Enter'd after Consultation 28th October when the Paymaster reported further Repairs necessary on the Town Hall and Prisons.

77. The 25th November order'd two new Doors for the Sorting Godown and 10th December the Garden House to be new chunamn'd, the Godown to be new pav'd and repair'd, and other necessary Repairs.

78. In these and other Articles of Expence will use all imaginable Frugality, The Powder House rais'd even with the Ground, will shortly begin to work upon it.

79. Hospital at Fort St. David ready to fall in, were obliged to remove their Sick into the Fort, have desir'd leave to repair it or change their Barracks, into an Hospital and make new Barracks, they have order'd it, the Calculate is Pag^{s}. 296 : 19. The old Moratta Gate is to be pull'd down and Barracks made for the Soldiers.

80. When opportunity is, will make Reductions in the Expences.

81. At Fort St. David Mr. Pitt indefatigable to increase the Inhabitants and Revenues.

82. The malicious reflections cast on them by ill designing People, groundless, no Governour can please all sorts, Company's Revenues do not decrease, are larger than last year, and the last larger than the year before, no Person of consideration has left this Place for several years.

83. Patan Trade dwindled to nothing.

84. Have had no further Complaint of bad Pagodas, Madrass pagodas never the current coin of this Place, a Batty of 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent frequently paid for them to send to the Northward, are intrinsically much better than the Coin which goes to the Southward, if the Author of the Scandals replyed to in Par^{a}. 82, be the same who represented their Cash was made up of bad Pagodas, hope he'l be believ'd alike in all, the time this must have been told, had in Cash Pag^{s}. 386,000, and have now not above 150,000, and not one Cash changed for bad Mony, hope this a Proof that some mind not what they say. Have not nor shall prohibit the Currency of other Coins 'till orders, because Company's Coin goes current to Northward and bears an Agio of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent, and to the Southward valued only for its weight.

85. Last year sent the Proceedings of their Committees surveying the Bounds for better Regulating the Quitrents, the Assessment equitably done.

86. The Par^{as}. from the Company relating to Fort St. David answer'd from thence 13th January 1728-9.

87. Continue the 10 per cent deduction on Washers pay, that Debt now reduced to Pag^{s}. 2,327 : 19 : 10.

88. Surgeons not extravagant in Management of the Hospital, that Expence swells to no heighth.

89. Will do their utmost to prevent oppressions from the Farmers of Villages on the Inhabitants.

90. Mr. Newcom's Sawmill built too near the shore, in a late Monsoon fell.

91. Veaksum Braminy on 9th September set forth he was not able to pay his rent for the Paddy Fields, a Committee appointed to enquire into the priviledges of the Inhabitants he complain'd of. The 28th they reported the Inhabitants had an equal right with him to make and sell salt, took the Cowle from him and gave it to Daveroy, Poncala Kistna his Security.

92. Some Goods lying long at the Sea Gate unclaim'd, a Committee order'd to sell them who reported 15th February great part belong'd to Mr. Hubbard, the rest were sold, Account Sales enter'd after Consultation 25th March, amounting to Pag^{s}. 12 : 5.

93. The 22th April, Account Sales of wast Grounds deliver'd in, amounting to Pag^{s}. 299 : 27. the Owners claim'd 5 p^{s}. of them. Resolved no more claims be allow'd.

94. Order'd that all Quitrents and Scavingers Duty be for the future collected from the Owners.

95. The Gentlemen at Fort St. David had not been able to raise the rent of the measuring Cowle, was let to one Mootalsapilla at the old Rent. Their measuring Cowle being also expir'd, let to Nairo Kistnama Chitty and Comchitty at an advance Rent of 30 pag^{s}. per annum.

96. Mint Braminys represented that the Zelottas and other coarse Coins taken into the Mint requir'd more Labour and Expence in Refining than those near standard Fineness and without an additional allowance could not take them in : Agreed they should take in Zelottas at $\frac{\text{oz. dwt.}}{4:12.}$ and Camashes at 4 : 10. worse than standard, and be allow'd for Silver worse than $\frac{\text{oz. dwt.}}{7:2.}$ in the pound $7\frac{3}{4}$ per cent and all above that Fineness the old Allowance of $7\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

97. A Ballance of an Account being due to the Company from Mr. Petty as advised by Mr. French they demanded the Mony of Mr. Hart his Trustee who they desir'd the Account might be sent to Bengall from whence they write it will be paid.

98. An 8 Months Famine obliged them in Consultation 4th November to consent all Grain Imported for that Month be allow'd Custom free.

99. Have lately seized some Silver carrying into the Country against their Orders, Company's half paid into Cash being Pag^{s}. 128 : 35 : 20.

100. Will pay all fines into Cash levied on Criminals.

101. Per order Council 27th June built 2 new buttecas by the Choultry.

102. The Lodgings within the Choultry Gate sold to Coja Petrose for Pag^{s}. 350. of no use but as Lodgings to one of the Council.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

103. Shall observe to seize all Liquors Licenc'd out which are offer'd for Disposal.

104. Shall answer what concerns them in the West Coast Letter, under that head.

105. What urged by Mr. Walsh's Friends, the same he urged for himself, from the time the President left the Coast to departure of the Grantham was not procur'd 250 Tons Pepper; the Reputation he got proceeded from advancing Mony to the Governing Mallays, the lessening his Estate by taking Messrs. Dunster, Deane and Bugden's Goods not true, he bought them on trust and enter'd in to Partnership with Mr. Carnegie and others. The Effects he surrender'd only dead Stock. The cause of his dismission was the Clamour of his Creditors for not paying his Debts.

106. The reasons for continuing Captain Hill in India are in Consultation 18th June not May, was murther'd at Judda. Will in future observe more punctually the Orders about Persons order'd home.

107. Will strictly observe orders not to entertain Persons in the Service who came clandestinely.

108 Shall advance at the Fort the Servants at Subordinate Factorys according to Seniority.

109. Major Roach will continue his care in keeping the Garrison in Order and Discipline.

110. The soldiers arriv'd in good order, the Surgeons been paid Head Mony, have discharged 12 this year, some serv'd their covenanted time, and others to supply the Hertford.

111. Hope all the Lists in the Packet will give content.

112. Will in future prevent neglects in payments of the Ballances due from Import Warehousekeeper.

113. Have heard no more attempts of Servants to poison their Masters or Mistresses.

114. John Watson at Fort St. David petition'd to go home, but does not come on these ships.

115. The two Bulses of Diamonds not Register'd, the Memorandum Paper being mislaid.

116. Have made Enquiry into the Silver sent out by Mr. Ralph Dore, Mr. Benyon's Assistant is likeliest to inform Mr. Dore of this Affair.

117. Abraham Salomons acquainted of his Permission to continue there.

118. Give the Danish Missionary now residing there all Encouragement imaginable.

119. Have endeavour'd to find out the Frauds in the Coral but ineffectually.

120. Had no knowledge [of] Mrs. Gyfford's Affairs other than what Anjengo wrote them Anno 1723, That Mr. Gyfford was indebted to the Company Rupees 100,000, Mr. Tullie deliver'd up the Papers and Olas in 1723, were forwarded to Anjengo in 1724, in the Packet send original of the Anjengo Letter.

121. In the Packet send Copy of their standing Orders.

122. The Par^{as}. 97 to 101 were shown to the Persons concern'd in the Chancery Bill, and have been sent to Fort St. David.

123. Mr. Rosewell, as already advis'd, dyed Anno 1727.

124. Observe the Approval of seizing Mr. Morcom's Silver, was kill'd at Judda.

125. Mr. Pitt thankful for the Gratuity Order'd him, will do his utmost for the Company's advantage. Mr. Turner dismist last year, thought not proper to pay him the Summ Order'd 'till further Directions.

126. Have affixed the Orders about Gaming at their Gates and sent them to all their Subordinates.

127. Captain Gordon dead.

128. The 12th February Messrs. Symonds and Fowke interchangeably sign'd the Account Remains in the Export Warehouse, Mr. Peers succeeded Mr. Morse as Rental General and Scavinger, Mr. Burton appointed prov^{l}. Sheriff. The 1st May Messrs. Hyde and Peers interchangeably sign'd Account Remains in the Storehouse and 27th by Messrs. Peers and Burton, the latter deliver'd up the charge of Import Warehouse to Mr. Symonds.

129. Mr. Tahourdin of Council at Fort St. David dead, Mr. Edward Harris appointed in his Room, Mr. Whitlock laid down and Mr. Lauder dismiss'd, advis'd last year Mr. Barrington was appointed to the West Coast, but the 25th March set forth he labour'd under an ill State of Health, and begging to be excus'd was permitted to continue there, Mr. Lauder appointed in his Room, Mr. English made Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate, and Mr. Edward Brackstone succeeded him in the Accomptant's Office, on 4th April Mr. Lauder presented a Paper to excuse his going to Bencoolen on account of his health, enter'd after consultation 8th April, order'd him to Fort St. David for his Refractoriness; In Consultation 14th October the President acquainted that Mr. Pitt complain'd, Mr. Lauder refused to act as Under Warehousekeeper, was thereupon dismiss'd, he still persisting not to undertake it.

130. Mr. Brackstone petition'd for Leave to go to Sea for Change of air, Mr. English took the Charge of the Accountant's Office.

131. On Ensign Harrington's death Mr. Ross call'd from Fort St. David Serjeant Eccles sent Ensign in his Room, On Lieutenant Hairsten's death at Fort Marlbrô, sent over Mr. Ross, and in his Room made Serjeant Peele Ensign there.

132. Mr. Goldfinch added to Council of Vizagapatam and Mr. Tullie made Secretary.

133. Mr. Leeke their Chaplain dyed 9th February, Messrs. Fowke and Torriano appointed to perform Divine Service. Hope the next ship will bring a Gentleman to make up their Loss. Mr. Torriano and Lauder administrators to his Estate.

134. The Paymaster and Secretary Order'd to take out Letters of Administration to Mr. Packer, what recover'd they now remit to his Father.

135. Sir John Blunt having sent things to his Son and writing him to have Credit for them, have paid the Mony into Cash and placed to Account Currant London, the particulars after Consultation 3d February.

136. The 17th June, Paymaster and Secretary paid into Cash the Ballance of Edward Snow's estate.

137. The scandalous actions of Robert Woolley in forging a note in Captain Upton's hand, has also done it in another of Pag^{s}. 800 in Captain Tolson's hand.

138. The Ballance of Henry Ross's estate being paid into Cash, his Brother administred in the Commons and sent Letters of Attorney to Mr. Main, who petition'd for payment thereof, was told he might advise his Constituent it lay in the Company's Cash at Home.

139. Captain Westcot sparing his Doctor's Mate to the Sunderland, petition'd to have one of the soldiers come on the Heathcote, but refusing to pay for his Discharge, was deny'd.

140. Captain Upton in the Decker brought Mr. Adams and his Family from Tellicherry, Mr. Braddyl sent from Bombay to succeed him, by Papers and Accounts from those Places Mr. Adams appears indebted to the Company £6,424: 17: 1½ sterling which he refused paying or signing a Bond, had four Meetings in Consultations 23th 26th and 29th August and 3d September before could bring him to Reason, upon which he sign'd the Bond desiring the Witnesses to take notice it was to avoid being sent to Bombay, Mr. Deane present in four Meetings, Mr. Adams reflected on the President and Council, he was treated with all imaginable respect, yet after all, for performing their Duty were treated by him with extream ill manners.

141. On Arrival of the Charter Mr. Torriano appointed Clerk of the Peace, is also Coroner, he has been at a Considerable Expence to get the Records engross'd &c^{a}. agreed to allow him 100 Pag^{s}. per annum, which believe the Criminal Forfeitures will clear, hope the Company will not disapprove of it.

142. Send now Engross'd Copys of the Tryals of Pet^{r}. Vezian and Peddu for the Murther of Mr. Packer with the succeeding Transactions, on the Commissions of the Peace.

143. In Consultation 25th March, Messrs. Fowke and Burton appointed to take care of Mr. Blunt's Effects and 15th April were order'd to take out Letters of Administration. When Ingeram made subordinate to Vizagapatam order'd the Chief and Council to inspect Mr. Blunt's Management and supply him as he shou'd want, they accordingly sent him Mony for his Investment, on Mr. Blunt's death, Mr. Simpson going to Ingeram found that he had charg'd Pag^{s}. 2000 for Call^{s}. which he never bought and was otherwise deficient in the Remains of his Cash &c^{a}. between 13 and 1400 Pag^{s}. more, his Debt to the Company Pag^{s}. 3,819: 15: 38.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

144. Gentlemen at Bencoolen continue Employing the Slaves in making Brick and Chunam.

145. By the Report of the Committee the 25th March, the Expences in the Books ending at Mr. Torriano's leaving that Coast are 2,700 Dollars less than those before.

146. They have promis'd to comply with all Orders in their Paragraphs, the new Barracks proving ill cover'd have sent over two of their Bricklayers to learn to terrass.

147. The Natives have salt for Rice, that Revenue now yields Dollars 103 per Mensem.

148. The present Supravisor and Council have answer'd par^{a}. 13 by promising complyance with Orders and representing the hardships in Servants that go home from Bencoolen to risque their Mony to Madrass for Bills on England. The persons who dye intestate the Governor and Council dare not risque the Effects without Orders, by which many Estates have for several years had Credit in the Books there, by that Means the Heirs at a Loss where to apply.

149. The Topasses at Bencoolen of Service, the Europe Sentinels reserved for any Emergency, the whole of Military not increas'd on that Account, most of the Arab Lascars are come away, are useful for the Boats and keep a Guard at the Carrang, dare not trust Europe Sentinels lest they run away, fifty Bugguse too many, 24 or 30 enough for constant service, M^{r}. Torriano when at Moco Moco-

endeavour'd to save Boat hire by building Boats but was mistaken, the Natives will not lose that Proffit. Mr. Morse has agreed for 8 Dollars a Trip, Lay Bentunan and Serangy hardly yielded any Pepper, Saloomas has a good deal, but the Difficulty of the Bar the Cause of being neglected, great Inconveniencys attend Ippue for want of a House to lodge the Pepper in, or Vessells to bring it away, They have asked Leave to build a Godown for that Purpose, Mr. Torriano sent survey of part of the pepper Plantations the rest sent since.

150. Since the Death of Messrs. Carnegie and Tempest, have dyed Messrs. Julius Gollop and Alexander Fotheringham.

151 Have look't over Mr. Torriano's Manifest of Goods no more than 1,600 Pag^{s}. worth, his stay on the Coast near 10 Months, think no great allowance for a Deputy Governour.

152 Several other Persons sent Goods on the Grantham to Fort Marlbrô for other People, not conscious to themselves of allowing anything like Engrossing. Mr. Lennox and Mr. Gollop went to reside there, and Captain Montgomery carried his Indulgence. If the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbrô had sent Mony to buy would have been permitted them, those who have nothing to buy with ought not to complain. Mr. Torriano extreamly sorry the Company entertain a suspicion of him, has given no Cause, when any Malay man indebted to Mr. Walsh came to buy Goods he sold him only to amount of half his Mony and receive the other half on account of Mr. Walsh by which he collected for that Gentleman upwards of 2,500 Dollars, he refused to buy Captain Montgomery's Goods and were sold to others.

153. George Brig: brought them the books of Accounts and Consultations &c^{a}. from Fort Marlbrô, their Committee reported 25th March and thereupon confirm'd Mr. Walsh's Suspension. The Goods consign'd Mr. Carnegie per George damaged, agreed not to Charge the freight, the Damage amounting to more than the Freight.

154. Mr. Morse sail'd 24th April, consented he return without waiting Orders, in Case his Illness should increase, with him went Mr. Gee to be 4th Council, Mr. Goddard order'd Secretary. Sent also ten Soldiers and Mr. Robert Douglas Surgeon, but disliking the Place sent Mr. Deschamps, but being sickly at the George's departure, fear'd he was dead, Agreed to allow Mr. Douglas the same Diet Mony as allow'd the Council and succeed at the Fort on the first Vacancy after Mr. Barlow, but very instant to have a Successor.

155. Have given Mr. Morse and his Council full Orders relating to Company's Affairs, the Marlbrô return'd 27th September and brought their Accounts to that time with advice of the Death of Sultan Tookhaderoo Allah, that Raja Gondom succeeded to the Throne, and the Country in Peace. Report of their Accounts and Consultations enter'd 14th October, return'd her thither 16th, since which Captain Balchen brought the remaining Accounts to this Day, have permitted them to Entertain Will: Cole Writer, is sober and industrious. The Letters from thence are per George No. 18, per Marlbrô No. 68, and per James and Mary No. 84, theirs to them are No. 23 and 82.

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

156. Have drawn the following Bills at 8s. the Pagoda and Two Months Sight.

for £719 : 13 :	—payable	to the Heirs of the Rev^{d}. Wm. Leeke.
for £475 : 4 : 7$\frac{3}{4}$	...	to William Colegrave.
for £200 : — : —	...	to Alexander & George Ouchterlony.
for £160 : — : —	...	to Grace Orrill.
for £ 20 : — : —	...	to Richard Hodgson.
for £160 : — : —	...	to John Liell.
for £918 : 18 : 10	...	to George Drake
for £320 : — : —	...	to John Eaton Dodsworth.
for £40 : — : —	... ...	to Jane Morse.
for £327 : 15 : 11$\frac{1}{2}$	...	to the Heirs of John Packer.

157. Have receiv'd no Directions from Mr. Michell.

158. Have recover'd nothing from Touapa at Fort St. David, have recover'd pag^{s}. 107 from Eram Rause.

159. Par^{s}. 87 and 88 answer'd from Fort St. David 13th January Copy comes in the Packet.

160. In Book of Letters receiv'd, is an explanation of Account Charges Peons &c^{a}. at Fort St. David.

161. Their Accomptant will adjust the Account of Fort Marlbrô Factory in next Books.

162. Their Merchants won't agree to wash their own Cloth ' till the Washers quite out of Debt, by Accomptant's report that Debt decreas'd pag^{s}. 805 : 1 : 49.

SUPPLEMENT.

Send Receipt of Captain Gough's for 400 Dollars receiv'd at Bencoolen for the use of the Princess Ann.

Had resolved dispatching these ships the 25th January, but Captain Pitt not compleating his Wood and Water, kept back the Despatches to the 27th.

Send larger Indent for Broad Cloth than sent many years, the last year receiv'd 20 Bales fine Auroras of only 16 to 17 yards long, and the year before 15 Bales, is a sortment that don't answer, desire their Lists of Demands for Wares and Stores be comply'd with, have for two or three years past indented for Flints, but none sent, not 5,000 spare ones remaining.

Have drawn another set of Bills for £22-13-4¼ payable to Robert Dalzell Esq.

Recommend Mr. Ralph Mansell as a Person deserving the Courts Favour.

In the Packet an account of the Cargoes of two French Ships sail'd France.

Hertford's Invoice amounts to Pag^{s}: 121,452 : 10 : 43, the George's Pag^{s}: 123, 123 : 21 : 16, Captain Nelly's Register Pagodas 2,903 : 26 : 18. and Rupees 1,485— —, Captain Pitt's is Pagodas 2,590— — and rupees 1,802— — The Register Diamonds on the former amounts to Pag^{s}. 63,859 : 29 : 35, on the latter to Pag^{s}. 71,270 : 31 : 7. These ships have their St. Helena Goods from the Bay. Wish them safe home.

RAND^{L} : FOWKE.	JA^{S} : MACRAE.
SAM^{L} : HYDE.	JN^{O} : ROACH.
AUG^{S} : BURTON.	ROB^{T} : SYMONDS.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1729, RECEIV'D PER JAMES AND MARY THE 27TH AUGUST, 1729. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3, pp. 21–22. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Their last was per Hertford and George dated 27th ultimo, this comes per Frances and James and Mary.

2. Those two Ships sail'd the 28th January.

3. On the Frances a Bale of Succatoons provided before they receiv'd Orders forbidding to provide any.

4. No Alterations in the Country Government since their last, the Famine still continues raging round 'em, the Measures taken in Consultation 3d Instant will prevent their being so sensible of its Consequences as their Neighbours.

5. The Scavinger's Account bad Debts are this year no more than pag^{s}. 11 : 27:— The new Rent Roll amounts to Pag. 2,603 : 3., and the Scavingers Duty to pag^{s}. 1,116 : 20.

6. Have struck off from the Roll of Peons and Country Musick 24 Persons.

7. Mr. Turner petition'd for the Gratuity order'd him by the Company, Reasons given him for not paying it.

8. Since their last have drawn the following Bills at 2 Months:

For £18-4-6½ payable to Thomas Wright.
For £29-12-0 ... to Elizabeth Hills.
For £60- 0-0 ... to Christopher Fullagar.
For £38- 8-0 ... to Hugh Boyd.
For £31-9-½ ... to George Sitwell.
For £95-3-1½ ... to Mary, Elizabeth, and Eleanor Oadham.

9. The Merchants have brought 200 P^{s}. Betillaes of Cambrick breadth from 15 to 16 Covids long, but insisting on 11 pag^{s}. the double piece and not answering to Muster refused them.

10. Their Essay Master indented for new Scales and Weights, the old ones worn out.

11. The Frances's Invoice amounts to Pag^{s}. 131,292 : 16 : 48. the James and Mary's to Pagodas 66,652 : 8 : 39, the latters Invoice to St. Helena to Pagodas 144. The Frances Register Diamonds to Pag^{s}. 19,907 : 25 : 49, the James and Mary's to Pag^{s}. 6,623 : 26 : 67. Captain Lawson's Register Goods to Pag^{s}. 4,258 : 23 : 32 and Rupees 1,631 : 4 :—and Captain Balchen's to 4,388 Pagodas.

12. [Wish] these ships a safe passage home.

RAND : FOWKE. JA^{s} : MACRAE.
SAM^{L} : HYDE. ROB^{T} : SYMONDS.
AUG : BURTON. JOHN ROACH.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 12, 1729, RECEIVED PER HEATHCOTE, THE 6TH MAY 1730. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 50–64 (India Office Transcript)*].

1. They wrote per James and Mary and Frances 14th February last, send this by Captain Tolson with their Consultations Letters receiv'd and sent.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT.

2. Princess Caroline Galley arrived 9th May, Fordwich d°. Die, Greenwich 25th May, Duke of York and Marlborough the 4th June, Eyles and Drake 2d July and Grantham 6th August.

3. The Madeira Wine per Duke of York all sold.

4. Captain Brasier requested no Supplies, he sailed thence 15th May.

5. No more Officers shall be allowed than in the printed Orders sent them.

6. The French usually pack the Value of £1000. in Silver in Casks.

7. They judged the Purchase of the Marlbrô necessary, she has been employ'd for the Service of the West Coast, what she hath earned not equal to the Expence of keeping her and yet absolutely necessary, that Place must be supply'd, and can get no accidental Conveyances as formerly. The George refitted at Bombay, in her return was forced ashore in Tutocorin Bay, have had ill Treatment from Governor and Council of Columbo with respect to her, since the change of Government at Columbo have receiv'd a Letter from thence assuring them all the assistance they can desire.

8. Believe their Country Ships won't be able to take in the Military put on Board the China Ships.

9. The Commanders were sailed for Bengal before the Company's Promise to make an equitable allowance for any Damages sustain'd in the Execution of their new Commission against Ostenders arrived.

10. Fordwich sail'd for Bengall 17th May, Greenwich detain'd to go in company with the Duke of York and Marlbrô, all sail'd 30th June. The Drake and Eyles sail'd 3d August, hearing the Heathcote lost her Passage wrote to Captain Tolson to be upon his Guard on Account of the Ostenders. Advis'd from the Bay of an Ostender arriving there, and by private letters that the other went up the river under Polish colours.

11. Commander of the Grantham permitted to stay 3 Days after he was unlivered, and sail'd 23th August for Bengall.

12. The William Sloop bound thither was forced back again, so disappointed of salt petre and other stores.

13. In Consultation 12th August Mr. Fowke acquainted the Board there was two Chests Coral Beads manifested per Drake, and had receiv'd an Invoice thereof from Mr. Mendes da Costa, but no Bill of Lading, upon asking Captain Houghton for them he deny'd he had them on board, of which Mr. Fowke made oath, which is enter'd after that Consultation.

14. Will advise all ships about the Company's orders relating to Java Coffee.

SECONDLY, AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

15. When Fordwich arriv'd had on hand 24 Pipes Madeira Wine which sent to Bengall, have receiv'd 60 per Duke of York, all sold from 45 to 47 Pag^{s} per Pipe, the leakage considerably more this year than has been, the Comm^{rs}. brought no more than the quantity allow'd.

16. Believe the Bay will not be able to get a better Price for the Wine than they.

17. Bengall desired them to coin $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Treasure which came for them this year, accordingly took out of the Fordwich 15 Chests and put on her 14 Chests Rup^{s}., on the Greenwich, Duke of York and Marlbrô sent 82 Chests, qn Drake and Eyles 115 Chests and by the Compton 7 Chests, have also sent the rest of the Treasure.

18. Have deliver'd up the Bonds to those the Company Licenced Silver.

19. Their answers to the orders of the Committee Secrecy in this Letter.

20. Were much surprized at the 11th 12th 13th 14th Par^{as}. of the Companys Letter of 21st February last, blaming them for an Encrease of Cash and the Companys Silver for their China Voyage, they answer the Encrease was occasion'd by the debt due from the Merchants amounting to 140,000 Pag^{s}., and the sale of 600 Bales Broad Cloth amounting to 60,000 more, the Silver annually taken for the China voyage made an Encrease of Cash but was not till the year 1727. Had the Investment gone on so well as hoped for, the Cash had not swell'd so high, always thought the Company allow'd taking the Silver for the China Voyage. Hearing from Bengall they were in debt, they bought for the China Voyage this year and the last, and sent down every ounce they receiv'd from Europe to the Bay with 100,000 Pag^{s}. worth of Silver for the Company's Account.

21. Purchasing Silver at Pondicherry for their China Voyage they made use of the Companys Indulgence of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Dollar on 10 Pag^{s}. as usual, but apprehending the Company inclined not to allow this Indulgence, have not taken it this year nor shall 'till they receive the Company's Answer; The Bengallers endeavour now to deprive them of the Benefit of the China Voyage, having a Subscription for a ship, will greatly prejudice the Customs at the Fort.

22. The Gentlemen at the Bay have receiv'd £100,000 for Bills of Exchange last year, notwithstanding which have sent them every ounce of Silver this year receiv'd. The Ballance of their Cash Account now but 100,000 Pag^{s}. and expect large draughts from the Bay, besides the Monthly disbursements of that Place.

23. Their not sending any more Treasure to the Bay, proceeded not from any Pique, but sent all they could spare, In future if Silver be procurable Elsewhere and are not allow'd a part of the Company's, will send their ship without it: The Sea and Land Customs were never more taken care of, nor Rents and Revenues in securer hands or let at so high a rate.

24. Per January ships will send Abstracts of Monys, Goods, Debts, etc., they have and what are to pay.

25. Will not in future give Bills for any Summs unless wanted for their Investment or purchasing Silver for Bengal.

26. The latter part of the year 1727 Silver sold at $14\frac{3}{4}$, and when the China ships went away, the current Price was $14\frac{5}{8}$, but a Parcel selling at Pondicherry for $14\frac{7}{16}$ it was declared the Current Price at the Board. As to the Dismission of Mr. Turner, that is no part of his accusation.

27. Observe the Courts approval of the Sales at Outcry of Remnants of Drugget and Camblet, &c^{a}., there were a few Bales Broadcloth remaining of last year, 29 were sold to Mr. Symonds at 30 per Cent on Invoice.

28. Sale of the Iron fetched a greater price in 1726 and 1727 than the two preceding years, are surprized to be found fault with for keeping the Lead, the lowest have sold for has been 16 Pag^{s}. and have but 500 Candys left.

29. Have not had it in their Power to advance the Price of Broadcloth till this year, raised it to 35 per cent upon Invoice.

30. Deficiency on Ballancing their Books in the Store house amounts to Pag^{s}. 166: 18 : 66, but there's a Counter Account of Gain in weight of Gun Powder amounts to 171 : 17 : 70.

31. Take care to keep their Merchants clear of Debt.

32. Both Parcels of Iron receiv'd this year sold before the Receipt of Company's orders, who now prohibiting the Sale for Surat can in future only Indent for the use of the Garrison, except 100 tons a year to Manhilla, per Storekeeper's Indent is what necessary for the Garrisons on that Coast. The Iron receiv'd this year sold at Outcry, 1st Parcel at 13 Pag^{s}., the other at $14\frac{1}{4}$.

33. For encreasing the Consumption of the Broadcloth, the President hath always encouraged their Merchants to encrease their Lists of Demands, is therefore surpriz'd to find his helping them off with Eighty Bales found fault with.

34. Have lent the Owners of their China ships 36 Chests Silver, which were replaced and set down in due time.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

35. A severe famine and the rise of Cotton in the Country made it impossible to keep strictly to the Courts Orders of Investment.

36. Found it necessary to order 1000 p^{s}. fine Long Cloth at Ingeram, where the ordinary Cloth costs more than the Company pay for it, the Dutch have raised the price 60 fanams per Corge, the List of Investment forbidding Longcloth from Vizagapatam, contented themselves with only allowing an advance of 1 Pagoda per Corge or ordinary Cloth and an order to provide 500 P^{s}. fine Sallampores.

37. The scarcity of Grain and Cotton growing dear to the Southward prevented the Merchants (men of small Fortunes) from getting in Cloth fast enough to comply with their Contract and making the necessary advancements in the Country. The President took the Cloth off their hands, these and other hardships induced them to consent cancelling the old Contracts without exacting any penalty, this has encouraged the Merchants to Enter on a new Contract, accordingly two setts have each contracted for 500 Bales.

38. In Consultations 24th February 14th 21th and 31th July prove the Difficultys have had to provide Cloth. In July the Merchants brought in but 300 Bales, upon which used them with threats but to no Effect, were obliged to give up entirely

the old Contract, and then the Merchants made a new one for 1700 Bales at the old Prices and should take the Broad Cloth at 35 per cent on Invoice, the Penalty of non Complyance is 20 per cent on the deficiency.

39. Advis'd Bengall 'twould be impossible to provide more than 3000 Bales, the famine so severe in some Villages where used to be 300 Weavers, now scarce 30.

40. Fear the troubles to the Northward will prevent the good effect from Mr. Symond's Lease.

41. Mr. Burton sorted those Betillaes complained of according to muster.

42. Will observe not to purchase any Pepper 'till Orders.

43. The Prohibition of Silver taken off, but the Governor never made any advantage by it, have sent Abstract of the Revenues of the Mint for years past, larger quantities of Silver coined since the prohibition than before.

44. Wrote formerly the reasons for lowering the prices of Coynage, are afraid the Mint Revenues will lessen by taking off the prohibition.

45. In Consultation 26th May, order'd the Paymaster to clean the washing Tanks.

46. Will acquaint the Captains with the Company's Orders about Salt Petre.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

47. What Bills the Bay draws for Coral sold there, will pay and return the Mony in Diamonds.

48. The Troubles to the Northward put a stop to the progress of any Investment.

49. Will put in execution the order for registering all Respondentia Bonds.

50. Have order'd such persons home as have not permission to reside there, Mr. Tornery one of those ordered home resides in Pegue. Mr. Barne has imposed on the President and Council of Bengall as on them and gone on a Trading Voyage in the Service (they think) of some of the Company's servants in the Bay.

51. Hope their Records sent last year &c^{a}. will shew the punctuality in their proceedings of their Courts of *Oyer* and *Terminer*.

52. Since the Company confirms the duty laid on Pepper on the Malabar Coast, have no more to say.

53. Sent for Mr. Horden and offer'd him all the assistance they could give him, in his dispute with Anconah in the Recovery of his just debts.

54. Mr. Symonds thankful for the Courts Approval of his Conduct in the Affair of the Elephants aboard a Madrass Ship.

55. Shall continue (as settled at St. Davids) permitting Goods brought in by Land to be carried back Custom free.

56. Apprehend the Calcutta price too delicate a morsel for them to give up, having a more full Liberty to continue it than ever.

57. Suppose the Bay have given what further necessary Accounts relating to the Affair at Juddah.

58. Refer to their last year's letter, proving they had no further Complaints of bad Pagodas, the Madrass Pagodas of the same weight and Matt as ever, per Assay Book appears no Gold hath been coyned under 86 and most at 86¼ which is the full Matt, to make the pag^{s}. broader may be of worse consequence than some few being ill stamped, have appointed a Shroff to Examine them before bagged, and the ill stampt are recoin'd, therefore Trade not like to suffer on that Account, Surat which used to be the best Mart in India is sunk very low, occasion'd by the trouble the Geenims give them, the overstocking all Markets in India with Bengall Goods, are obliged to sitt still. Don't hear any extraordinary Matters of the flourishing Trade of Pondicherry.

59. Patan Merchants undone by losses in Trade, know of none of any consideration leaving the Place these five years, likely some of the poorer sort during the Famine may have gone to the Northward.

60. In January will send the Records of their Courts of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, Ursula Maclaine was found guilty of Manslaughter for murthering a Slave, her Effects confiscated; their Cooper petitioned for a house and some jewels he had given her might be return'd, but was rejected, she died in childbed.

61. The 1st May Mr. Burton complain'd of ill usage from one Henry Rumbold, and it appearing so, he was order'd to beg Mr. Burton's Pardon.

62. The 1st September receiv'd a Packet from Mr. Wallis of Anjengo directed to the Court, and for Reasons contained in that Consultation did not think proper to forward it.

63. Advis'd from Vizagapatam that Subbanah had made a Demand of Mony, Powder and shot, on their refusal, he threatned to force them, have sent twenty men with Ammunition to prevent ill consequences.

64. Have taken off the rates fixed for the Sale of Grain, finding it prevented the importation of it.

65. The Governor and Council of Negapatam desired them to join in destroying the Ostenders, but have had no orders from the Company on that head.

66. Bombay advise them they have had great priviledges Granted by the Persians, who have endeavour'd to raise the Trade of Gombroon.

67. Have receiv'd the News of Angria's death.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

68. Hope the Abstracts of Repairs sent will convince their being frugal.

69. Permitted Mr. Sanderson to repair the house at Nellipillee, the Expence Estimated at 60 Pag^{s}., have repair'd the Garden Bridge and survey'd the Repair for the Choultry Prisons.

70. Since last settling the Rent Rolls no large Summs wrote off for bad Debts as formerly.

71. Building the Mint &c^{a}. done with Frugality and substantially performed.

72. Have not yet forgiven the Washers Debt, but believe must acquit them at last.

73. Order about Manifests continued.

74. The old Renter of the Paddy Feilds has paid his Arrears.

75. When the ships came in from the Eastward last year, several Parcels of Gold with Iron in them were brought into the Mint, Obliged the Owners to burn out all the Iron before coined.

76. Made a seizure of a Parcel of Silver, but gave it up again reserving $\frac{1}{4}$ part for the Peons encouragement.

77. The 21th May was paid into Cash 19$\frac{1}{2}$ Pag^{s}. for Produce of a Bag of Almonds.

78. Great quantities Coral lying unsold, have alter'd the Method of receiving the Customs on the Sales, the Sea Customer hath receiv'd them according to the Manifests from Europe.

79. Land Customer made two seizures this year at the Choultry.

80. Have granted 3 Cowles, 1 to the Fishing Farmers, 1 to the Town Brokers, and 1 to Antonha Caualho, the Cowle for Trivitore &c^{a}. expires 17th this Month.

81. At Fort St. David are building their Garden House.

82. Advis'd last year that the Tobacco and Betle Farm in the Country came to nothing.

83. The Court's approving their Management an Encouragement to go on promoting their Interest.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

84. Major Roach made his election 14th July of the Councillorship and resign'd the Military. Lieutenant D'Morgan sent to Fort St David and Lieutenant Wilson called up.

85. Paid Mr. Turner his Gratuity, has enter'd into Covenants as a Free Merchant, Counterpart of his and Mr. Roach's in the Packet.

86. Mr. Emmerson declared he would not be superceded by any Man, was begged to continue, but absolutely would lay down, has prevaricated in insinuating he would have submitted to Mr. Symonds being put above him, the President thinks either Mr. Symonds or Mr. Roach a properer person to be at the head of any of the settlements than him.

87. The President acquiesces in the Order about the Pagoda per Bale.

88. The President never lent the Merchants anything like 140,000 Pag^{s}., but only 5 or 10,000 at a time when their occasions required it.

89. Have lost Messrs. Rich^{d}. English, Joseph Goldsmith and Edward Brackstone and Dr. Andrew Pechier.

90. Messrs. Hyde and Burton thankful for their being confirm'd.

91. Are pleased their providing Stores of Rice for the Garrison is approv'd.

92. On Mr. Joseph Walsh's arrival was admitted as a Senior Merchant, and on the death of Mr. English was made sub Accomptant and Searcher at the Sea Gate, and Mr. Monson appointed under the Warehousekeeper.

93. The Committee to examine into Mr. Walsh's Demands have not yet given in their Report.

94. Mr. Smedley dead and Mr. Consett is safe arrived.

95. Mr. Shannon's expedition to Siam was wholly to the Advantage of the Company, they receiving 5 per cent on the Export and Import, and the Owners scarce their Principal, as Mr. Shannon is since dead, the President hopes the Company will forgive him in countenancing so near a Relation.

96. Acknowledge they have not kept up to the Rule of Counting the Cash every Month, but have now made it a standing Order.

97. The Insinuations made by several Persons of the Presidents Engrossing all the Trade are utterly false, as also that he compelled the black Merchants to take off Goods at unreasonable Prices, the rise of this Assertion was that he and Mr. Pitt bought a parcel of Tootenague at 30 Pag^{s}. per Candy for ready money, and Sunca Ramah and Tomby Chittee bought it of them at 33 but did not pay for it in less than a year, so that they gained but 10 per cent, afterwards the Merchants divided it among their Casts, some of whom complain'd they should get nothing by it. His confining People illegally and without the knowledge of the Council is false, neither did he ever obstruct the process of the Mayor's Court; as for themselves shall take care the standing orders and rules &c^{a}. shall be strictly observ'd Cannot hinder the insinuations of envious and malicious People.

98. Mr. Hubbard gone to sea, when he returns his Indentures shall be executed, and shall have all the civil Usage he can desire.

99. Mr. Edward Fleetwood is arrived.

100. They practice preferring those of most Merit, Mr. Davis left provisional Chief of Vizagapatam when Mr. Symonds came away, Mr. Sanderson Resident of Ingeram.

101. Shall take notice of Mr. Bulkeley according to his Merit, and prefer Mr. Sanderson according to his Seniority.

102. The reason their Letters of 1727 contain no references except the 1st is that the 1st answers all those they have received from the Company, thus this answers all receiv'd this year, except some paragraphs under Accounts, which will be necessary to answer when they send their Books.

103. Have allowed an Assistant to Mr. Sanderson at 6. pag^{s}. per Mensem.

104. Messrs. Fowke and Burton have paid on Account of Mr. Blunt's death to the Company Pag^{s}. 3,455 : 19 : 14.

105. Have appointed Mr. Newcome Deputy Governor of Bencoolen, Mr. Morse requesting to return, and have Entertained one Frederick Haag Surgeon there in lieu of Mr. Douglass.

106. They appointed Mr. Charles Barrington of Council there and Mr. John Hammond assistant, in consultation 25th August they both refused to go, and the 1st September made a second Refusal, have therefore dismissed them the Service. To this resolve Mr. Peers dissented, his reasons enter'd after consultation 25th September.

107. Mr. Walsh is at the Sea Gate and Sub Accountant, Mr. Monson under Export Warehousekeeper, Mr. Empson under the Paymaster, Mr. Eyre in the Secretary's Office and Under Storekeeper, and Mr. Goddard under the Accountant, Mr. Tullie made 3d of Council at Vizagapatam.

108. In Consultation 12th May Mr. Barlow Surgeon obtain'd a promise to succeed Mr. Pechier in case he should lay down.

109. Have discharged Lacklan Macneile Serjeant and four soldiers on their request. Wm. Adams is dead and James Perrey comes by this ship.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

110. The Paragraphs under this head will answer when send their General Books. Have receiv'd the Amount Mr. Acton's Bond to Mr. Sarson and given credit for it to Bombay Presidency. Have permitted Fort St. Davids to release some of the Old Renters on good Security.

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

111. Mr. Walsh was not turned out for making use of the Company's Cash, but thrô the Clamour of his Creditors.

112. On the Deaths of Messrs. Carnegie and Tempest, Mr. Lennox became Chief at Bencoolen,' till they sent Mr. Morse and appointed him Second. Acknowledge he came out without licence, but were glad to get two such as Messrs. Lennox and Gollop who were looked upon proper for that Service.

113. The dismission of Messrs. Barrington and Hammond and Deaths of others has reduced the number of Covenant Servants very low, apprehend the West Coast will be much streightned for want of Hands.

114. In supplying the West Coast with Governours, shall observe to pitch upon the most capable.

115. Have supply'd Bencoolen with Gunpowder as they wanted it.

NINTHLY, RELATING TO THE NEW CHARTER.

116. Are glad the Method they used in the Tryal of Mr. Vezian approved.

117. Hold 4 Sessions in the year and a weekly Meeting of the Justices at the Choultry.

118. Have punctually observed the Cautions prescribed by the Charter before an Appeal is lodged, and very exact in entering their Decrees.

119. Have given copy of the Company's 100 Par^{a}. of the 21th February 1728–9 to the Mayor's Court, and the Capuchin Priests.

120. All Complaints against the Natives at St. Davids, are determin'd by the Heads of their Casts.

121. Have given Copy of the Company's 96, 97, and 98 par^{a}. of the 21th February 1728–9 to the Mayor's Court &c^{a}.

122. The orders about Wills repealed, shall not in future regulate the practice of the Mayor's Court.

123. No persons are illegally imprison'd.

124. Have receiv'd the Opinions of Messrs. Hungerford and Woodford about Infidel Evidence.

125. The Charter like to have quite other Effects than expected, there being an Expression that an Alderman duly Elected &c^{a}. shall remain during Life, it hath raised a Spirit of Obstinacy in the Company's Servants, many of them have associated themselves on that head, and talk of nothing but Appeals to the King in Council, this Disobedience will be of ill consequence, and is the reason they order'd Messrs. Barrington and Hammond home; The not valuing the Company's Service if permitted to reside a Free Merchant was the case of Mr. Lauder, who for his disobedience was suspended, and being of a refractory and litigious Temper, have likewise order'd him home. If are not supported in relation to these young Men, the Governour and Council will have little Obedience paid them.

126. By the late Appeal of Messrs. Peers and Barrington to His Majesty in Council, apprehend that that Indulgence designed for the relief of their Servants should be made use of only to perplex their Affairs, are surprized those Gentlemen should appeal from a Judgement given by a Power immediately delegated from their Masters, and on such a Trifle as a difference about paying Bills of Exchange, as will appear in the proceedings of the Mayor's Court and Court of Appeals, which being so long have not had time to get them Engrossed but will transmit them by the January ships.

127. The Register Dyamonds on this ship amounts to Pag^{s}. 21,719; $\overset{F.}{9}$: $\overset{C.}{55}$., there was also one Bulse registered per Eyles amounting to 1,000 Pag^{s}., wish this ship safe Home.

James Macrae
Rob^{t}: Symonds
John Roach
Randall Fowke
Samuel Hyde
Augustus Burton
Charles Peers.

Mr. Peers cannot consent to several paragraphs in this Letter, and will give his Reasons by the January Shipping.

General letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated February 6, 1730, Received per Compton the 3d August 1730. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 65–69. (India Office transcript).*]

1. Their last was per Heathcote of 12th October last

2. which sail'd the 13th, Cadogan arriv'd from West

3. Coast 4th January with 176 Tons pepper, The Compton the 7th from Bengall and the Marlbrô and Greenwich the 18th, these two brought 200 Bales Callicoes from Vizagapatam, have since receiv'd from thence 16 and from Fort St. David 67.

4. Have detain'd the Cadogan in the Country, and distributed her Pepper on the other 3 ships.

5. Commanders of the Marlborough and Greenwich have apply'd for an additional Tonnage of saltpetre, have granted the former 420, and the latter 200 Baggs.

6. The 1 per cent for St. Helena is put aboard at Bengal.

7. Register Diamonds on this ship, private trade, Survey of Guns, Ammunition, and muster Roll in the Packet.

8. The George Brigantine still lyes ashore in Tutocorin Bay, have order'd 2 Boats to their Assistance as enter'd in Consultation 30th January.

9. Account of what imported by the French ship arrived at Pondicherry, enter'd after Consultation 2d February, and what exported on the 2 ships dispatcht from thence 18th January, enter'd after Consultation 30th.

10. Are advis'd the Wyndham sail'd from Anjengo to Bombay the 6th November.

11. What has been done relating to the Ostenders, the Bay will advise of.

SECONDLY, AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

12. Their Account Remains of Wares and Stores and Indent for next years Supply comes in the Packet.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

13. Are sorry the Investments for this year are no larger, but the Difficultys they had to struggle with were insurmountable.

FOURTHLY, THE TRADE OF INDIA, AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

14. The Proceedings of their Courts of *Oyer* and *Terminer* and Court of Appeals now sent, two Men were executed for Murder and Robberies.

15. The Headmen of the right and left hand Casts have petition'd, praying that a less Punishment than Death might be inflicted for Robberies, have promised them all the Indulgence the Laws will permit.

16. Mr. Horden hath acknowledged the Bonds recover'd by Anconah justly due, the 30th January he deliver'd a Letter, acquainting that what he suspected Anconah was indebted to him was groundless, they gave each other acquittances, and after that Consultation said Letter is enter'd.

17. The Lynn Captain Tullie bound for Mocha was lost near Porto Novo, the Hovildar there seiz'd some of the Effects, but afterwards return'd, and the Hovildar dismiss'd with Disgrace.

18. The armies of the Nabob of Vizagapatam have come to a pitch'd Battle with those of Subanah and Anantarauze, 2 Rajahs to the Northward, the latter have been worsted, the Country at present in great Confusion.

19. Have return'd back to Anjengo Mr. Wallis's letter directed to the Court.

20. Have had great plenty of Rain this year; the Encouragement given for importing Grain has occasion'd great quantities to be brought, and is now lower'd to a moderate price.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, & REVENUES.

21. The Powder House built on the Island now finish'd, the Charge amounts to Pag^{s}. 4,419 : 1 : 45. the Plan sent in the Packet; the Repairs to the Garden House also finish'd, which amounts to pag^{s}. 550 : 27 : 30.

22. Have purchased a House for the Marshall at 450 Pag^{s}. and allow'd 10 Pag^{s}. per annum to the Bailifs of the Court.

23. The Cowle for Trevitore &c^{a}. being expired was set up to Outcry and sold to the President for 1000 Pag^{s}. per annum, who sold it to others for 1,230 Pag^{s}.

24. Have permitted Captain David Hunter to reship a Parcel of Raw Silk Custom free, on his obligation to reland it at some other Port and pay the Customs.

25. Have also permitted Mr. Weston to reship a few Necessarys for Captain Gosfright.

SIXTHLY, TOUCHING FACTORS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

26. The Committee appointed to examine into Mr. Walsh's Demand, reported 22d December a Ballance due to him Dollars 6,020 : 1 : 98. which have order'd him the payment of, the Report with Account Currant &c^{a}. enter'd after that Consultation.

27. Mr. Torriano misbehaving in the Office of Secretary appointed Mr. Walsh Secretary and Mr. Torriano Sub-Accountant and Searcher at the Sea Gate.

28. Have receiv'd several Summs from the Administrators of Mr. Blunt, and send in the Packet an Account Currant of his Estate.

29. Mr. Nathaniel Barlow is entertained Surgeon.

30. Have granted a discharge to 13 of the military, and have receiv'd 1 Serjeant and 10 Sentinels from on board the Lyell at China.

31. Transmit Mr. Barrington's appeal to the King in Council and his Demurer &c^{a}., the Proceedings enter'd after Consultations 25th September 7th 20th and 27th October.

32. In the Packet send 2 Papers deliver'd them from the Mayors Court, by which the Company may perceive the General spirit and Tendency of the Persons concern'd.

33. Messieurs Barrington and Hammond come on this ship.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

34. Have paid two Bills drawn by the President and Council of Bengall amounting to rupees 16,288.11.9.

35. Refer the Company to the List of the Packet for an Account of Books and Papers now sent.

36. Have drawn the following Bills on the Company :—

for £	400-0-0	payable to	George Oldner.
for £	2,704-15-4¼	„	to John Turner
for £	1,600-0-0	„	to John Emmerson
for £	400-0-0	„	to Capt. Wentworth George Pitt
for £	40-0-0	„	to Sarah Beavis
for £	20-0-0	„	to William Hodgson
for £	124-6-½	„	to Geo : and Alexander Outchterlany.

37. By an Account Currant sent from Bengall Presidency, observe a considerable difference between them and the Fort, but the Account being in Rupees only, could not easily adjust with them, the difference ariseth by not making up their accounts right. In the Bengal Invoice per Hertford was charged 120 Bags Salt Petre allow'd the Captain as additional Tonnage, but no Bill [of] Lading appearing, did not invoice it to the Company, but debted the Bay back for the amount of rupees 1,380., if that Salt Petre be receiv'd, pray the Company to advise them, in order to credit that Account.

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

38. The Company will receive a large Packet from them with their Books of Accounts, Consultations and General Letter.

39. Those Gentlemen could not send them Copy of their Books &c^{a}. for want of Paper.

40. This Ship's Invoice amounts to Pag^{s}. 176,509 : 16 : 33. the Captains Register Private Trade 1,196 Spanish Dollars, the Register Diamonds to Pag^{s}. 98,099 : 12 : 24.

41. Wish this ship safe home.

JAMES MACRAE
ROBERT SYMONDS
JOHN ROACH
RANDALL FOWKE
SAMUEL HYDE
AUGUSTUS BURTON
CHARLES PEERS.

P.S.—Their Merchants have not yet sent them a regular Indent for Broad Cloth, which makes them defer sending theirs.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1730. RECEIVED PER MARLBOROUGH THE 11TH SEPTEMBER 1730. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 2, pp. 69–70. (India Office Transcript.)*]

1. Their last was by the Compton.

2. This comes per Marlborough and Greenwich.

3. Since their last, their Merchants have sign'd a regular Indent for Broad Cloth.

4. Have been disappointed in their Investment of Chints, could pick out but 600 pieces out of the whole Quantity provided.

5. The £8. order'd Lieutenant De Morgan for his passage is paid to Captain Mickelfield.

6. Send on these ships three Men slaves for St. Helena.

7. Mr. John Lauder has apply'd for Payment of a Debt due to him from the Estate of George Ramsay, but are inform'd there are more Claimants, have referr'd him to the Company.

8. Agreeable to orders have drawn a general Calculate of all Effects remaining here, and at the subordinate Settlements.

9. The Disbursements for Cloth is noted therein as uncertain, and also the large penalty due from the Merchants for non Complyance with their Contracts, is not inserted in the List of good Debts.

10. Mr. Charles Gee was the only Person that readily accepted to go to the West Coast with the Supravisor Mr. Morse, therefore recommend him to the Company's favour.

11. Have drawn the following Bills payable at two Months and 8s. a Pagoda for £100–8–1¼ payable to Robert Packer. for £13–7–5½ payable to the Heirs of the Reverend William Lecke, deceased.

12. The Marlborough's Invoice amounts to Pag^{s}. 184,796 : 28 : 13. the Greenwich's to 185,572 : 28 : 62., Register Diamonds on the former to Pag^{s}. 40,075 : 35 : 14., and on the latter to 32,691 : 8 : 56., Captain Micklefield's Register Goods to Pagodas 7,849, and Captain Bookey's to Pag^{s}. 8,501 : 34 : 18.

JAMES MACRAE
ROBERT SYMONDS
JOHN ROACH
RANDALL FOWKE
SAMUEL HYDE
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CHARLES PEERS.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 19, 1730. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 8, pp. 1–26*].

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. Our last advices to Your Honours were dated the 12th October 1729, ℔ Ship Heathcote, 6th February ℔ Compton & 14th: ditto ℔ Marlborough & Greenwich; the Commanders of the two last receiv'd their dispatches the 16th in the morning & sail'd immediately. Since then we receiv'd Your Honours orders of the 28th: November & 5th December ℔ London & Middlesex the 12th: d°. ℔ Mary & Derby & of the 23^{d}: January ℔ Dawsonne, Craggs & Bridgewater. And two Letters from the Secret Committee of the 28th November & 28th January to all which we shall now reply and render to Your Honours a full account of our proceedings since the last Advices, under the usual Heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. The ships consign'd hither this year arrived as followeth—

Middlesex	John Pelly	the 14th May.
London	Robert Bootle	
Derby	William Fitzhugh	the 23^{d} May.
Mary	Thomas Holden	
Prince of Wales Gally	John Flower	the 6th June.
Dawsonne	Francis Steward	the 21st d°.
Craggs	Caleb Grantham	the 27th d°.
Bridgewater	Edward Williamson	the 1st July.

3. As we had no advices of any Ostenders coming abroad, these Ships saild for the Bay as they cou'd be got ready, in which they had the quickest dispatch we cou'd give them.

4. When we wrote you ℔ Compton we proposed letting the Cadogan a freight Voyage & had some faint hopes of sending her home in September, but we were disappointed in both, & after laying here the Season she followed the other ships to Bengall with the remain^{r}. of Treasure & Redwood.

5. On making up the account of that Ships Cargo of Pepper from the West Coast there appear'd a deficiency of ℧ 43. q^{r}.—.lb.17 & the Commander having shewn us an account adjusted with Your Honours for a deficiency in a former Voyage, it was agreed in Consultat^{n}: the 16th: & 24th March to settle it in that manner whereby he is accountable for m^{d}. 2 — lb. 18$\frac{3}{4}$ at Twenty two. 22. Pagodas ℔ Candy, which he has paid the amount of. The remains from the three Ships sent home the last year being the sweepings of the Godown was sold at Outcry and the Acco^{t}: enter'd after Consultation the 24th August.

6. Eleven Bales of Broad Cloth ℔ Ship London being damag'd they were return'd to the Commander at Thirty five 35, ℔ C^{t} advance on the prime cost as ℔ agreement in Consultation the 2^{d} June after which the account particulars are enter'd.

7. The same was done in Consultation the 16th July with respect to nine Bales damag'd ℔ Craggs the particulars were enter'd after that Consultation.

8. The Madeira Wine ℔ Mary was strictly surveyed, the report of it is enter'd after Consultation of the 2^{d} June wherein 'tis their opinion there was no want of Care or Judgment in the stowage yet we found the fifty Pipes requir'd 2 & $\frac{1}{8}$. to make them merchantable, and as this near an equal loss with what has several times happen'd, where there has been no apparent defect, we conclude it is only the natural wastage by new Casks in such a Voyage.

5 9. We have paid the Surgeon of the London the usual head money for two Soldiers, whose receipt is in the Packet.

10. The Survey of this Ship's men & ammunit^{n}: is in the Packet, with what other papers are now necessary to send & we pray leave to refer Your Honours to them.

11. Upon the applications of Cap^{t}: Peily, Cap^{t}: Holden & Cap^{t}: Fitzhugh, we have permitted them to land each two Chests of Silver & the latter two boxes of Gold thread, thô not manifested, they having produc'd some vouchers to shew them licensed, however we have taken their obligations to be accountable if 'tis not so.

6 12. Your Honours Ship Marlborough arriv'd from the West Coast the 12th May having been upwards of four mo^{s}: in her passage, the Commander reported her Consultation the 2^{d} June to be unfit for service without a considerable repair, whereon she was ord^{d}: to Pegu to refit, but on considering the charges necessary to do that, her being a very bad sailer & that her only service being to the West Coast, cou'd be better perform'd by a good sloop at an easier expence it was agreed in Consultat^{n}. the 16th July to sell her, & she was accordingly sold for two thousand Pagodas to a Moorman, part of her Stores having been deliver'd before to the Storekeep^{r}. And a sloop of Eighty tons order'd to be built at Pegu to answer the West Coast service, which she will be able to do, and at Intervals to fetch Bales from your subordinate Factories on this Coast.

7 13. The George Brigantine arriv'd us the 6th April after having lain some months ashore at Manaar in the Bay of Tutocorin. We can only say to Your Honours in favour of that expedition that it being propos'd by the late President whose knowledge in Affairs of that kind we had a good opinion of, we were solely guided by him therein and are sorry it turn'd so much to your detriment. A particular Acco^{t} of the Charges of that Voyage is in the Packet N°. 28 to which we refer. And desire Your Honours to believe that for the future particular regard shall be had both to the employments of your Vessels & the manner of refitting them, as well as to the ordinary expences they are subject to. This Vessel having been supplied with Stores sail'd for the West Coast the 18th: September, whence she is daily expected.

14. This comes by Your Honours Ship Craggs w^{ch}: we thought it best to dispatch singly rather than keep on demorage till the other Ships can be got ready. The Cadogan & Mary is not yet arrived us from Bengall, we purpose to dispatch the Cadogan & Fordwich next & the Mary to follow as soon after as possible.

15. A great Boat formerly built to carry Passengers over the River, being useless since the building of the Bridges was order'd in Consultation the 31st July to be sold & yielded forty Pagodas & the materi[all] of the Boat shed nineteen Pagodas.

16. We are very sorry to advise Your Honours that our President has receiv'd a Letter from M^{r}; Cowan of Bombay giving him an account of the loss of the Barrington from Mocha & that not above thirty Bales of Coffee were sav'd out of three thousand three hundred which she had on board.

SECONDLY, CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOS'D OF IN ANOTHER.

9 17. We shall strictly regard Your Honours Injunctions in this Paragraph in promoting & encouraging so important an Article in your Trade as the Woolen manufacture is, what we have already done therein you will find in Consultation the 16th November where not only all the remaining Broad Cloth was sold to the Merchants at thirty five ℔ Cent advance but they are further obliged to Indent for & take off by the returning Shipping One thousand Bales at the same rate; and we hope at least to keep them up to this quantity yearly.

10 18. Fifty Candy of the former years Lead was sold in Consultation the 2^{d} March at 17 Pagodas ℔ Candy at six months Credit, the remain[d]er with what came out the last year we try'd at Outcry where was sold Three hundred Candy at Fifteen & half Pagodas. The Account of which is enter'd after Consultation of the 10th September Fifty Candy more was sold in Consultation the 6th October at sixteen Pagodas ℔ Candy And what remains being little more than One hundred Candy will be easily

dispos'd of. As to the Eleven hundred Candy of Iron formerly sold, which your Honours require a particular Acco^{t}: of, We find it was order'd in Consultation 13th March 1726/7, to be sold at Outcry, and the Acco^{t}: of the sale is enter'd after that of the 27th by which it appears the whole quantity was sold to M^{r} Macrae under nine three eighths ℔ Candy & sent to Surat where we are inform'd it yielded near ninety ℔ Cent Proffit & We believe was upon his sole account.

19. The large Anchors & Gunns sold to the late President & by him sent to Manilha were brought back again, but as no application has been made to us concerning them, they still remain in his hands. The Indents for Stores &c^{t}: now demanded have been carefully examin'd & we shall continue to do the like in future. 11

20. We have already acquainted Your Honours of the receipt of the 50 Pipes of Madeira Wine & the leakage thereon the whole quantity is sold at Forty seven Pagodas three eighths the medium. The Wine prov'd good but We must acquaint Your Honours that the pipes were one fifth part less than the usual measure of a Pipe and so much less than those brought at the same time on private Account, which was certainly a detriment to the Sale.

21. The Omission Your Honours here take notice of is a mistake in the date of the Consultation & shou'd be the 10th June where the chief Articles of the Stores wrote off at Fort S^{t} David are specify'd, but the entire account is not enter'd which should have been [*one line lost*] We permitted them to write off another parcel in Consultation the 25th July amounting to 188 : 28 : 25 the particulars of which are thereafter enter'd. [14]

22. Several Looking Glasses having been much damag'd, were in Consultation the 12th October order'd to be new Quicksilver'd and are again made fit for Sale.

23. All the Iron consign'd us this year, except what was immediately necessary for the use of this place, We sent to the Bay, as likewise twelve Barrels of Europe Gunpowder & some other Stores not wanted here, which we thought most for your advantage, and agreeable to Your Hon$^{r's}$. Sentiments in this Paragraph. 15

24. As We had such an extraordinary Stock of Cash at the arrival of your Ships, we had no occasion to make a calculate of what Silver shou'd be detain'd, but immediately agreed to send the whole quantity to the Bay, first coining one third part into Rupees as desir'd by the P[r]esid^{t}: & Council there, excepting ten thousand Pagodas worth for the use of Vizagapatam, which was more than made up by Eighty thousand Rupees sent ℔ Sloop William in April. And for the reasons mentioned in Consult^{n}: the 25th July, we further purchas'd Silver for their use to the amount of One hundred thousand Pagodas. We shou'd for the same reasons have been very glad to have reduc'd our Cash much lower, but the French upon whom we depended, cou'd spare us no more Silver. This quantity was agreed for at the rate of 14 Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas, but by the different way of computing between the French & us a profit appear'd on the Receipt of four hundred forty six pagodas nineteen fanams & sixty five Cash as ℔ Reports in Consultation the 7th & 31st August, This resolution of sending all Your Honours Silver to the Bay, very much strengthend the China Voyage which it was necessary to promote not only as it was the Basis upon which our private trade was built but likewise to effect our design of procur^{g}. Gold for the new pagoda that is to circulate in all branches of y^{r} trade and Revenue, for which & other reasons mention'd in Consultation the 3^{d}: July we agreed to allow those Owners the usual Indulgence of one quarter of a Dollar in ten Pagodas, but with this Proviso to be return'd if not approved of by Your Honours. 16.17.

25. All the Stores &c^{t}. sent out this year turned out according to Invoice excepting that In the treasure ℔ Ship Dawsonne were found in Chest N°. 524, Two Baggs containing five hundred [. . .] each directed to H. Bellamy in Bengall instead of Two Baggs of [. . .] for Your Honours said to contain seventy two pound eight Ounces each. And also in that ℔ Ship Craggs Chest N°. 440 prov'd to be Pillar Dollars instead of Mexico. The Reports are enter'd after Consultation the 29th June & 3^{d} July. We wrote to the President & Council at the Bay on this Occasion supposing it might only be an exchange in the Package but in their answer N°: 50 assuring us their Silver came out right, we have brought the difference to Account Current London.

26. The Import Warehousekeeper reporting in Consultation the 16th June that a parcel of Camblets, Druggets, Velvets and Black Cloth & also some Horse Furniture under his Care not being in demand & likely to decay we order'd them to be sold at Outcry the Account Sales is enter'd after Consultation of the 10th July. We also permitted several useless Stores to be sold at Outcry, the Account of which is enterd after Consultation 26th June.

27. The making Copper Dubbs for the use of Vizagapatam being propos'd in Consultation the 16th June as an advantage both on the price of Copper & tending to facilitate the Trade in that part. We order'd four Plates of Copper with proper Stamps to Vizagapatam for them to make trial of & by their Answer N°: 57 we found it turn'd out about five ℔ Cent more than the Market price here for Copper but then was wanting the charge of a present to the Nabob who must be paid for his grant for the liberty of coining, but as that country has been in such a confus'd state for a long time that it was not proper to make application for such a Grant, We have deferr'd the determination of this matter till a more favourable opportunity offers.

28. After Consultation 16th May is enter'd an Acco^{t}. of loss in weight of weighable Goods, Stores broke, worn out and render'd useless and other articles in the Storekeeper's Godowns amounting in the whole to Pagodas 184—25—7 which on examination were permitted to be wrote off.

29. And We return to Your Honours all the decay'd & useless Arms agreeable to your former directions.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

18 30. We receivd your List of Investment by the early Ships but have been able to do very little in compliance with it occasion'd by the great Scarcity of Cotton & the Removal of the Weavers from these parts of which we began last year to feel the Effects & then wrote Your Honours, what small quantity of Cloth we have been able to provide will We hope prove good of the kind and give satisfaction after our Consultation of the 26th June is enter'd an Acco^{t}: of the prices paid by the French for the Cloth they send home & after that of the 10th July is another of what the Dutch pay for theirs. Which being so vastly superiour to ours it is no wonder that the former were enabled to send on two ships thirteen hundred & eighty Bales of Callicoes the beginning of October last. The Account of their Cargoes is enter'd after Consultation 6th October last. The numbers are again put on the Bales as usual.

20.22. 31. We have been under so great a necessity for Cloth this year that we are glad to continue the Settlement at Ingeram at any rate almost, till a more favourable time to consider of what you direct. From this it will appear that by having a Settlement there we get more Cloth than cou'd be got alone from Vizagapatam: Whether the difference is great enought to countervail the additional expence of that Residency shall be seriously examin'd into when our pressing want of Cloth will give us leave.

23.26. 32. We have this year all along sorted to N°. 3 being willing to give all reasonable Indulgence to our Merchants notwithst^{g}: which our Investment goes on but heavily. Your Honours therefore must not be surpris'd that We have not sent you the full quantity of Broad Sallampores you order thô the Deputy Governour & Council have advanc'd the price of them in proportion to the additional number of thread.

27 33. Agreeable to your orders about the Washers Debts the last advance to them was order'd in Consultation the 21st July to be made without the usual deduction of ten ℔ Cent. We are glad of Your Honours Indulgence to these poor set of People, which we shall make use of as little to your disadvantage as is consistent with their Circumstanc^{s}: whom we shall tenderly treat, And as we know it is necessary for your Interest, give them all reasonable encouragement.

34. We have already mention'd the difficulties we have labour'd under in the management of this Branch of your Affairs, in order to ease which it was propos'd in Consultation [of . . . .] April last to forgive the penalty due from the Merchants [for their] Contract, provided they would bring in as a full compensation [for the] deficiencies of their Contracts One thousand Bales [at the]

end of September, which on the 27th of that month [*a few words lost*] told the Board they had agreed to, upon condition they shou'd be indulged further in a quantity of fine Goods as a part of the said thousand Bales which our pressing Wants oblig'd us to accept of, notwithstanding this Indulgence & that we have at twice advanc'd them 20000 Pagodas they have so ill perform'd their parts that we have as yet sorted only 248 Bales since this agreement the excuses they make & which we have already mention'd we are sensible are but too true which makes us the easier with them.

35. On this agreement Letters were dispatched to Fort St. David, pressing them to use their utmost endeavours to supply us with a large quantity of Cloth, but we receiv'd a very melancholly Acco[t]: from them by their Letter N°. 21, in return telling us that for the former Contract they had in twelve months been able to provide only One hundred & seventy Bales & that while Cotton continued so dear their Merchants cou'd not promise any thing more than their endeavours to procure Cloth which have prov'd of so little Effect that we have had no more from thence than 31 Bales when your new President arriv'd which was immediately after the receipt of this Letter & as soon as the hurry of his arrival wou'd permit M[r]: Symonds was order'd down to enquire how that Investment might be promoted and advise us of it with the reasons of their opinions that so we might give such directions thereon as should be found necessary to which we receiv'd for answer as at large in their Letter N°: 27 that there was no [p]robability of getting their Merchants to do any thing without cancelling their old Contract & advancing the prices of the Ordinary Long Cloth & Sallampores & in their next Letter N°: 28. they tell us their Merchants demand thirty five Pagodas for L: C: O: & sixteen and half for Sallampores on which as in Consultation the 3[d] July we came to an agreement to permit them to raise the prices of their Cloth. Long Cloth Ordinary N°: 1 to 33. 18. N°: 2 to 32.9. & N°: 3 to 30. 9. & the Sallampores in proportion & we also prevail'd on Tomby Chittee one of our own Merchants to engage with them at those rates. At last the Deputy Governour & Council concluded a Contract for One thousand Bales at the advanc'd price abovemention'd, but they have perform'd nothing answerable to the hopes we had conceiv'd on advancing the prices, which nonperformance of theirs is chiefly if not entirely occasion'd [by] the extravagant price of Cotton which at making this Contract was [at twe]nty five Pagodas ℔ Candy, but continued to rise till it came to thirty five the price it now bears.

36. From Vizagapatam and Ingeram we have had for the whole year nothing but Complaints of disturbances in the Country & Impediments in the progress of the Investments at those places however M[r]. Davis Cheif of the former has brought up with him on the Fordwich & Craggs 392 Bales and promises about 30 more & M[r]. Sanderson promises to send up from Ingeram about One hundred & thirty Bales.

37. As the last years Cloth from both these Settlements was sorted here we judg'd it proper to continue that method and accordingly order'd them to send their Cloth up hither to be sorted and prized by us instead of doing it themselves as formerly.

38. After this malancholly State of the Investment we can only add that when your new President came to the Chair he found the Season so far advanc'd the Country impoverish'd for want of Grain and Cotton so very scarce that it has not been in his or our power to prevent the many Ills we have enumerated to you nor can we tell what further hopes to give your Honours of our next years progress till We see what crop of Cotton we are like to have in April which at present from the plentifull is very promising & will We hope encourage those Weavers who are alive to return to their Habitations. All that we can positively promise is our utmost endeavours shall be used to promote your Investment nor shall they be bounded here but shall extend to the good Government of the place the Welfare of the Inhabitants the Regulation of expences the freedom of trade & increase of your Revenues & to every other Particular that may fall under our Care or Management. 22.

39. The 23[d]. November the Storekeeper reporting that the Godown in the old Powder house for keeping the refin'd Salt Petre was damag'd by the late Storm & the Petre whetted we order'd the remainder to be weigh'd off & the loss was Ca. 1:

md. 2 : lb. 8½, which we have order'd to be wrote off and the Salt Petre is removed to a Godown in the New Powder house, We also permitted to be wrote off 7½ maund of Salt Petre & 1½ md. Brimstone being what lost by the blowing up of the Powder as it was Beating.

40. None of the Captains have as yet petition'd us praying Salt Petre būt we are apprehensive if the West Coast Ship doth not arrive that we shall be oblig'd to put aboard what we have to fill up their Tonnage not expecting so many Ships from the Bay after having advis'd the Gentlemen there that we shou'd not have above fifteen hundred Bales.

41. We find Cap^{t}. Grantham petition'd at Bengall for One hundred & fifty Baggs of Salt Petre on the Indulgence but you will please to observe by the calculate of that Ship's Tonnage that she will not take in so much as let for by seven Tons Eleven hundreds twenty four pounds & half.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

28 42. We continue in peace with our Nabob, but the Country to the Northward is in a very unsettled State as all the Letters from thence tell us very much at large.

31 43. The Casts are at present quiet & We will make it our Study to keep up a good agreement between them.

32 44. Since your Honours are determin'd to continue the half per Cent at Bussero, we must submit & therefore when we send any Ships thither we shall order our Supra Cargoes to pay it.

33 45. The Affair of Sunca Ramah's Cotton has been long since amicably adjusted.

35 46. We have appointed Cap^{t}. James Berriman our Resident in Pegue under all the Restrictions you have appointed and have taken Bond from him to return whenever we shall think proper to recall him, we are sorry to find our Selves so much misunderstood with respect to that Residency All we desire is that applications may be made to the Country Government by him at Pegue as your Honours have order'd shall be done by your Resident at Bussero or Chiefs of Factories in other places that so there may be no clashing of Interests to the detriment of both places & we have given Cap^{t}. Berriman full Instructions & Orders to behave himself impartially to all of which We have advised the Gentlemen of Bengall by our Letter N°. 25.

29, 36, 37. 47. We think we cannot better answer the 29th 36th & 37th Paragraphs of your Letter than by giving your Honours a detail of what has passed between the Gentlemen of Calcutta and the President on the Subject of Trade since his arrival & the method which we are fallen also into for our own Commerce. So soon as M^{r}. Deane was advised of the change of Government here your President receiv'd a Letter from him & Mess^{rs}. Wastell & Bourchiere with an offer of being concern'd in any of their Stocks or Freight Voyages but no proposals of a Scheme of Trade upon which it was impossible to join with them. But that no time might be lost & that an agreement between the two Factories might be made as soon as possible our President again wrote them a full account of the methods which we were engag'd in with an offer of having what ever share of our Trade they pleased which scheme is this. A General unlimited Subcription for a Voyage to China which was set on foot which every person white or black who had either money or credit was invited to enter into with an assurance that whatever proportion he had in the China Stock he shou'd have in every other Voyage fitted out for the year from this Port & that when a Voyage was in this general manner set on foot if any person shou'd out of pique or any other principle set up a seperate Voyage which wou'd apparently tend to the detriment of the Community he shou'd be Restrain'd in such practices. This Scheme gave so general a Satisfaction that the China Subscription filled immediately to 100000 Pagodas, a much larger Stock than has for many years gone to that Port. This restraint upon particular persons was not justifiable while the Trade of the place was in the hands of a few or perhaps one single person because the Community was no ways injur'd by such seperate Voyages. But in the present case where every one at least every one who hath mony or

interest may have as large a proportion as he pleases in the general concern It is highly reasonable to controul the ill humour of a few troublesome people who can do themselves no service but do an apparent prejudice to all the rest of the place. This Scheme was as abovesaid proposd to M^r^. Deane & the other Gentlemen & though approv'd of by them cou'd not be put in practice because as they say the persons who may be willing to underwrite a voyage set on foot in Bengall have not money but Goods to throw into it which are very often improper & that therefore however contrary it is to the general Interest they cannot prevent sending such Goods to sea. This Confession is so plain that we hope your Honours will be convinc'd by it, that those Gentlemen do not act upon the square with us. How can it be that a Man who can subscribe Goods cannot subscribe money for he must first purchase those Goods & pay money for them, so that if the persons employ'd in fitting out a ship did act on the square and provided the Cargoes at the best hand other Subscribers wou'd undoubtedly pay their money rather than be at the trouble of getting Goods & running the risque of their proving an improper sortment at last, but the large advance made on the Cargo engages the several Owners in Bengall to furnish his own share of such Cargo himself that he may have a proportionable share of the gain so made. Or at least persons who write Goods instead of mony to a Voyage must take up those Goods at extravagant rates & thereby undoubtedly ruin themselves in the end, and those who trust them, for no Cause can be found why a man may take up goods upon trust that cannot get money the same way unless it be that the seller makes an extravagant gain on those Goods. Goods thus taken up or improper for the markets must undoubtedly clogg trade & make Voyages turn out ill, and since the Gentlemen of Bengall do now at last acknowledge this is the case with them, no wonder if we have felt the bad effects of it long agoe & been oblig'd to complain. Our Presidents last letter on this subject was pretty much to the purpose of what we have said above, which thô sent in October last has not yet been answer'd, probably on account of a China Voyage, manifestly to the prejudice of ours of which nobody has been refus'd a Share, has so disconcerted those Gentlemen who were treating with us to establish a harmony between the Settlements that we are in [dispaire] ever to effect it, so long as the different interests in Bengall clash in the manner they do.

48. In consequence of our Order for taking off the prohibition of exporting Silver which was last year complied with, we have this year taken off also the like prohibition which had been laid on Gold.

49. The 2^d^. June last a Hovildar of a small Village named Niloar claim'd an exemption of Customs on pretence of Sallabad but upon a strict enquiry we found no preceedent for it & therefore rejected his request.

50. On the President's arrival we made a present as usual to the Nabob amounting in the whole to Pagodas 537–18– as ℔ particulars enter'd after Consultation of the 10^th^. September.

51. Under this head we think may properly come in our answer to the 49^th^. 50^th^. 51^st^. & 52^d^. Paragraphs of your Letter relating to the Scarcity of Grain in this place, which we are sorry to say we have upon enquiry found to have been in part thô not wholly occasion'd by the methods you seem to point out. That there was a general Famine all over the Country is most true and that our Neighbours suffer'd great part of the Hardships our poor labour'd under, but on the other hand it is likewise true that we had Stores of Grain hoarded up in the place with a View of making an extravagant gain on it. In which practices Gooda Ancona had certainly the greatest hand Our Consultations of the 25^th^. May 2^d^. 6^th^. 9^th^. 16^th^. 20^th^. June & 10^th^. July with the papers after them & the records of them and the records of our Court of Sessions will at large show how large a power this man had assumed & what an exorbitant use he made of it. The Bag Coolys will shew what a quantity of Grain & Seed he purchas'd; the Butteeca people and Oylmen the rates he oblig'd them to take those Grains and Seeds at; the Northern Merchants will prove what prices he allowed them & the declaration of the head measurer will shew what frauds he oblig'd him to commit in the measurage. The Petitions from the Mint Braminies & Company's Shroffs from the Diamond Merchants Gopaul & Gruapah and from the

Arcot Merch^{ts}. will be sufficient to show what extortions & squeezings he was guilty of & must in a more lively manner than we can represent it show the Miseries the Inhabitants labour'd under. He has on several of these Complaints been brought to trial & having been found guilty of every Indictment he has been fined twenty thousand Pagodas which according to your orders shou'd be laid out in grain to be distributed among the poor, but as the greatest part of his Effects were privately convey'd away during the time his trials lasted and It being doubted whether a sufficiency will be now found to discharge his legal Debts We agreed in Consultation the 16th. July to keep the money in Cash till that was determin'd, that in such case his just Creditors might be first paid. We shou'd have had no occasion for this Caution but for the conveyance abovemention'd, for by the most authentick Accounts we cou'd get of his Estate, this Fine did not amount to near a fifth part of what he was possess'd—Fourteen thousand seven hundred thirty three Pagod^{s}: two fanams, fifty one Cash 14733:2:51 has been already paid into Cash in part of the Fine.

52. The prohibition of Silver was last year taken off agreeable to your orders & your Honours will find in our Consultation of the 25th. May that Chinia Narran had been employ'd in carrying out about One hundred thousand Pagodas during that time & doubtless many others did the same. However as your Honours had disapprov'd of the laying that prohibition & that the trade of the place was apparently detrimented by it we did not think proper to proceed to any extremities with Narran for this breach of orders, especially considering the knowledge of the Fault came to us by his own Confession.

53. We have not been advis'd from Bengall of any Ostend ships arriving in India but by a letter from the Governour and Council of Negapatam we hear there has been one in Ballasore road and by a Letter receiv'd from Mergy she was there refitting & intended again for Ballasore & may possibly come after to Pondicherry to take in M^{r}. Hume and some others in the Ostend service that took the protection of the French flag at Chandanagar & proceeded to Pondicherry on their Ships.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings and Revenues.

39 54. The Charges of repairing the Town Hall and Garden Bridge amounted to One hundred Pagodas, twenty six fanams & thirty Cash 100—26—30 the particulars of which are enter'd after Consult^{n}. the 26th June.—By the Compton your Honours were advis'd the New Powder-house was finish'd but we found it wanted several necessary Articles to be added particularly the covering the Terrass for drying Powder with Sheet Lead which with the other parts amounted to One thousand & two Pagodas twelve fanams & fifty Cash as ℔ account enclos'd Besides which as it was judg'd dangerous to beat the Powder in the Magazine We order'd a seperate Beating Godown to be built the charge of which as it stands in the calculate enter'd after Consultation the 13th. April amounts to Four hundred & eight Pagodas, Eighteen fanams 408:18 :—

55. We have had very severe Weather this Season both here and at Fort S^{t}. David at the latter place it will cost 751^{P} : 12^{f} :—to repair the damages occasion'd by the Storm the reports of which are enter'd after Consultation the 7th. December & 4th. January.

56. We have permitted Mr. Sanderson to repair the House at Nellepelue for a sum not exceeding seventy Pagodas.

40 57. The President takes notice with extreme satisfaction your approbation of his Conduct at Fort S^{t}. David & is encourag'd by it to exert himself in the station you have been pleas'd to honour him with this year & will be as vigilant as possible in what relates to Fort S^{t}. David thô he is perswaded the present Deputy Governour is zealous to promote the prosperity of that Settlement & encrease your Revenues without vexing the inhabitants.

41 58. In the last years letter ℔ Heathcote and in our President's Letter of the 2^{d}: January to the then President and Council, the Affair of the Tutenague sold the Company's Merchants is largely treated of, We shall therefore say no more than that

Sunca Ramah and Tomby Chittee both petition'd in Council to give an Account of that matter which they did to the Board & afterwards in the Course of the Sessions they repeated the same upon Oath.

59. We promise our Selves the Patan trade will revive again several Bales of Bengall piece Goods having been already imported the last month by them. They or any others who will come to our Port shall find all the Liberty and Freedom of trade which they can possibly desire agreeable to your Orders & consistent with your Interest. 42

60. We have maturely weigh'd what yo^{r}: Honours recommend to our Consideration with respect to coining a new species of Pagodas of which you will see the whole at large in our Consultation of the 5$^{th.}$ September & will then observe that we have resolv'd to coin a Pagoda of the weight & fineness of the Negapatam & of the same stamp only distinguish'd by the Letter M on each side of the Image but as we have not a sufficient quantity of Gold by us to cause a currency of that sort we have deferr'd the execution of this resolve till the arrival of our Ship from China. You will be pleas'd to observe before we came to this Resolution we consulted M$^{r.}$ Weston & the Acco$^{t.}$ he gave of the badness of the Current Pagodas. 43. 44

61. We dare assure you that such care shall be taken in collecting the Quit rents and Scavingers duty as will prevent any injuries to the Poor & at the same secure all that can be collected with humanity to you so that the indigent will be spared & your Revenue preserved. 46

62. What we have already mention'd of the Head measurers declaration about the necessity put upon him to give over measure in the Grain purchas'd by Ancona is too plain that the Importers of Grain have been very egregiously abused in that particular in future We dare promise it shall not be so, since the same necessity cannot lye upon the measurer. 47

63. No Coins from Persia or Mocha have this year been coin'd in your Mint, the Arcot Rupee thô intrinsically worse than ours yet goes in Bengall so much above the real worth of it that there is no demand for ours but your own Investment there. We shall observe in future to have any Reports relating to the Coinage as well as to any other branches of your Affairs made by the proper Officers that your business may run in the regular Course. 48

64. The 16th July last we order'd a plan to be laid before us for building Godowns to keep Grain in & till that be done we shall get as good conveniency as we can to put up the Grain, you have order'd us to provide constantly for the Garrison, Peons & other persons dependant on your business which we shall honestly manage in the manner you direct and hope you will not find your selves loosers by this kind & beneficient order of yours. In the months of September and October before the Rains there was an appearance of a Scarcity of Grain in the place upon which we immediately purchas'd from a vessel that imported here 30. Garce of Rice for the Garrison & on the 29th September we made an order to oblige all persons who had five Garce of Rice by them to give an account thereof to a Committee then named, but this not having the desir'd effect we added the 6th October two more persons to the Committee with power to seal up all Warehouses or Repositories of Grain & to oblige the Owners to supply the Markets as more at large is there express'd in which manner we made a hard shift to keep the Town in part supplied till the arrival of a second Vessel since which Grain grows something cheaper and our Markets are open. 53

65. The Trade to Manilha is carryed on by Portuguese or Armenians or Moors, no European of our Church can go thither so that the complaint of that Trade being engross'd by the Armenians is not so well founded as it at first view appears, thô it is very true that, that trade was nothing near so publickly allowed to all people as it now is thô one of the most beneficial we have. 54

66. We must again repeat our assurances of Encouragement to Merchants in General among whom none seem more beneficial to the place than the Importers of 111

Grain whom therefore we shall look upon as intitul'd to our protection in an especial manner. If any Attempts are made in future to engross & hoard up Grain we shall effectually put our Laws in execution against them without respect of persons.

67. We have had several petitions from some of the Renters this one enter'd after Consultation 24th. March from Poncala Kistna complaining that the Renters of Egmore wou'd not pay him and that he being the Security was oblig'd to make good the Debt. The 23d. November Poncala Kistna complain'd of Com Chittee his Partner in the Tobacco Farm & Tomby Chittee renter of Trivitore &ct. against the same man, who was an under renter of those lands with him, that they had been oblig'd to pay the whole rent of those Cowles to the Company and that the said Com Chittee wou'd not make good his part thô he had received the rents, we refer Your Honours to the Consultation above & that of the 7th December for an account of our proceedings against these persons and the reasons for our so doing with the bad consequences of using other measures with them.

68. The 6th. April last Nairo Kistnama Chittee & Com Chittee took the Beetle Cowle at the old rent on condition that Trivitor[e] &ct Villages shou'd be added to their Cowle, but having on the 31st August following requested to quit that Cowle & Poncala Kistna and Rama Chunda offering to take it at the former rate with an exemption of Trivitore the Board for the reasons at large in that Consultation agreed thereto at the same time they requested to relinquish the Brokerage & measuring Cowle[s] & they were granted the former to Gooroo Chittee and Terrupeddee the other to Quotambacca Gruapah at the old rates.

69. The Lease of the Garden let to Sebastian Chanda for seventy Pagodas ℔ annum expiring the 27th April it was renew'd to him for five years at the old rent, but in consideration of the damages that Garden sustain'd by the late hard storm, We agreed in Consultation the 11th Jañry to abate ten pagodas on the rent for the ensuing year and for the same reason abated Twenty five Pagodas on the rent of that Garden let to Mahamada.

70. The Windmill lately built at Fort St. David is now let to the Bound renters for One hundred and sixty Pagodas ℔ annm:

71. By the Report of our Accountant your Hons. will observe the Expence of the Coast is decreasd Pagodas 210: 15: 14.

72. The Revenues are very much decreas'd particularly the Mint no less than Pagodas 5722: 18: 10 occasion'd by taking off the prohibition of exporting Silver to the Country and the unreasonable value put on Arcot Rupees in Bengall the Land Customs are likewise decreas'd Pagodas 2931: 9: 26 of which Pags. 1220: 34: 71 are in the general Imports at the Choultry & P. 1710: 10: 35 in the Cloth imported by the Merchants less than the former year.

73. The Sea Customs on the other hand appear considerably encreas'd but when Pagodas 868 for Coral of the former year brought to Accot. in this is taken from one and added to the other and 550 pagodas for grain more than the former it will reduce the advance on Goods to about 1950 pagodas occasion'd cheifly by an extraordinary importation of Coral from Europe Copper from Persia and Raw silk from Bengall.

74. Your Honours have been advised some time since of the lowering the charge of Coinage from 2 to 1½ ℔ Cent which till the liberty given for carrying Silver abroad to be coin'd the Minters were contented with for thô by the declaration of China Narran it doth appear vast sums were then privately carried out yet by your Mint Revenue it also appears that great quantities were coin'd which is not now done & therefore the Mint Braminies &ct. having represented to us that the only inducement to them to consent to that reduction was the view of coining very large quantities of Silver by the prohibition which on our taking off, [the] prohibition is now come to nothing. We for these reasons have consented to lay on the other half ℔ Cent again least they shou'd be induc'd to follow the practices of the country Mints and debase the Coin as is there done.

75. For a full account of the State of the Revenues and Buildings at Fort St. David with other particulars relating to that Settlement we desire to refer your Honours to the Letter No. 7 of the prest. year.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS AND WRITERS, OFFICERS SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

76. The 14th May arriv'd the Middlesex with yor. new President whose Commission was immediately after read and due obedience paid thereto, and on the receipt of your last Letter Mr. Fowke took his place as third, Mr. Hubbard, as fifth & Mr. Morse as Youngest of Council & the 26th June the Board took their employs as mentioned in that Consultation. 55

77. Mr. Symonds was order'd down to take posessn of the Deputy Government of Fort St. David & to look after the Investmt: there the 17th June, from whence he return'd the 10th July and went back again the 16th September.

78. Mr. Hubbard begs leave to return your Honours thanks for your kindness in reinstating him in Council; which he embraces with the greatest satisfaction for the good opinion you are pleas'd to express of him & promises to continue to act with deligence & fidelity in your Service for the future. &

79. Mr. Peers begs leave to express the great satisfaction he receives from your Honour's approval of his conduct in relation to the China Silver. And assures you he shall behave himself with the utmost fidelity in the Company's Affairs whilst he has the Honour to continue in their Service.

80. We shall observe your orders strictly with relation to persons suspended or turn'd out of your Service. And shall treat Free Merchants according to the tenour of their Covenants & send home such as come abroad without your leave. 56.57

81. The Danish Missionaries in this place behave themselves quietly and modestly, and tell us they have about Two hundd. Converts. 62

82. We do not observe any endeavours towards reviving the practice of Gaming here nor any inclination to extravagancy in other particulars among your Servants. 65

83. We have seperated the Offices of Accountant & Warehousekeeper and as the different employs of the Council are more than the number of Councellors Mr. Fowke is Export Warehousekeeper & Sea Customer, the rest of the Council have but one employ each. On Mr. Symonds's quitting the Export Warehouse he and Mr. Fowke his Successor interchangeably sign'd that Accot. remains & also Mr. Symonds & Mr. Peers for the Import Warehouse which method is the constant practice here on any change in the Offices. 66

84. Mr Richard Gilman one of your Council at Fort St David died there the 3d March & Mr Graham & Mr Johnson were permitted at their requests to come hither the vacancy's in Council there were supply'd by Mr: Thomas Eyre & Mr: Holland Goddard & we have sent down of the Writers this year arriv'd Messrs Mountague Burton & Foxall.

85. Mr Robert Gray died here soon after his arrival & Mr William Burgh did not come out the Voyage but he having a parcel of Silver containing 362 ozs 10 dwts in one of your Chests we took it to send with Capt Berriman to Pegue to purchase the sloop &ct at 14 Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas it amounts to Pagodas 292 : 33 : 35 : for which he has Credit in your Books.

86. Mr Richard Dockwra was order'd to Vizagapatam the 25th July, & Mr Philip Tullie being since dead we have apptd him youngest of Council there. The other alterations in the employments of your other covenanted Servants be pleased to observe in the Consultations of the 31st July & 31st October.

87. Mr Thomas Consett your Chaplain dy'd the 21st July in whose room we appointed Messrs Torriano and Bulkley to read Divine Service at the Salary of Fifty 50 pounds ℔ annum each.

88. The 15th May your late President deliver'd over the Ballance of your Cash for which we have given him a receipt and enclose to your Honours the Duplicate the Cash is all he has deliver'd to us & is all that he had immediately under his charge.

89. As Mr Macrae rather chose to accept a certain allowance than give in an Accot of his expences we agreed to pay him One hundred & fifty 150 Pagodas ℔

month, which has been continued though a longer time than you limited but if disapprov'd of by your Honours we make no doubt but Mr Macrae will repay the surplus. He takes passage upon this ship & We have given the Commander strict Orders to treat him with the respect due to the Character he has born in your Service.

90. On Mr Mathew Lyndsay's death Mr Douglas gave in a petition claiming the succession to his post & we refer your Honours to the Consultation on that occasion dated 24th August to judge of his & Mr Threipland's pretensions who is surgeon of Fort St David they being left to your Honours decission.

91. In Consultation 6th October Mr Weston deliver'd us a petition requesting the additional Salary due to him as Junior Merchant, since he had serv'd out his covenanted time as Factor agreable to the tenour of his Indentures which says intitule him on his rising to a superiour Station or employment to the Salary usually paid to persons in such advanc'd Station or employment but as Mr Maubert was in the Letter ℔ Mary anno 1714, order'd to have no pay as factor thô his covenants run as Factor & Assay Master We have referr'd this to your Honours.

92. Among the Military here hath happen'd no alteration but the death of Ensign Rush whose place we supplied by Serjeant Archibald Robinson, but he being since dead we have given an Ensign's Commission to Serjeant Edward Sandys.

93. At Fort St David in the room of Ensign Brewster deceas'd we appointed Mr Francis Louis de la Choux after which came out Ensign Edward Maddox from England but he being dead & Mr De la Choux having misbehaved himself & order'd for Europe has made room for Serjeant Buckberry.

94. Capt John Hunter who brought the Party of Men from China deliver'd in an Acco[t] of the charge of victualling them amounting to Pagodas 116 : 28 : 2 as in Consultation of the 24th March and the Soldiers having petition'd for pay during their passage from China [to] this Port it was paid them by order of Council of the 2d that month.

95. Having receiv'd a malancholly Letter from your Chief & Council at Tellicherry N° 5 of this year acquainting of the reduction of their Garrison by a contagious distemper, their fearing the Insults of the Natives instigated by the Dutch & dispairing of a supply from Bombay, We sent them by one of Our own Ships a supply of Fifty five Men including Officers as is more at large in Consultation 11th Jan[ry].

76 96. Our Clerk of the Peace returns your Honours thanks for the Salary appointed him he has deliver'd in an Engross'd Copy of all the Records for this and the last year which go in this Packet.

78 97. We have already told your Honours why we have not yet consider'd of withdrawing Ingeram Mr Blunt's debt is now reduc'd pretty low and we fear is all recover'd that can be. The whole Acco[t] of the Sales of that Estate is sent in the Packet.

79 98. If Mr Barne comes to Madrass We shall take care to bring him under Covenants as you order.

80 99. Emanuel Leaboe was Mate of the Brigantine seiz'd by the French at Mascarine & sent to England by the Proprietors to corroborate the depositions &c[t] taken in that cause & a native of India being a French Musteez and is gone We believe to Manilha.

82 100. The Counterpart of Mr Vezians Covenants come in this Packet.

83 101. Mrs : Tobin & Mrs : Noland have paid each twelve pounds into your Cash as you order.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

102. The Gentlemen of Bengall have drawn Bills on us for produce of Coral amounting to Pagodas 2014 : 8 : 20 which we have paid.

103. We propose for the future to allow a certain freight to your Vessels for every trip to the West Coast and return hither which shall be adequate to the charge of sailing, fitting &c[t] which will prevent those Accounts swelling so high. 84

104. We observe your Indulgence to the Traders in Diamonds and the liberty given for taking their money at 4 ℔ Cent interest into your Cash, but we have too large a Cash still on hand to be in want of any. 85

105. The Bonds for the Silver given by Mess[rs]. Fowke and Peers are deliver'd up. 87

106. We have drawn on your Honours the following Bills of Exchange all of this date payable in two months & at eight shillings ℔ Pagoda Viz[t].

	Pa.	fa.	ca.	£	s.	d
1 2 3 to Mess[rs] Alexander & George Ouchterlaney or Order value of M[r]. Robert Douglas.	500 :	..	..	200 :	..	..
1 2 3 to M[r] Richard Benyon or Order value of George Morton Pitt Esq .	1051 :	34 :	13	420 :	15 :	7
1 2 3 M[rs]. Elisabeth Higginson or order value of George Morton Pitt Esq[r].	368 :	22 :	61	147 :	9 :	½
1 2 3 to M[r]. John Crawford or Order value of M[r]. Robert Douglas:	762 .	21 :	20	305 :	..	8½
1 2 3 to M[r]. James Montgomery or order value of Cap[t] William Montgomery	100 :	..	..	40 :	..	..
1 2 3 to the Heir or Heirs at Law of John Packer deceas'd or to his or their Order value of Messrs. John Roach & George Torriano Administrators to the said Estate	683 :	1 :	64	273 :	4 :	4¾
1 2 3 to Edward Harrison Esq[r]. or order value of Cap[t]. John Powney	500 :	..	..	200 :	..	..
1 2 3 to the Order of Mess[rs] Abraham & Jacob Franco, value of M[r]. George Torriano — Administrator to the Estate of Robert Gray deceas'd	2000 :	..	..	800 :	..	..
1 2 3 to the order of M[r]. John Lecke value of George Torriano Administrator to the Estate of the Reverend M[r]. William Lecke dec[d]	150 :	..	..	60 :	..	..
1 2 3 to John Freeman Esq[r.] or order value of M[r]. Grace Cooke Attorney of Thomas Cooke	300 :	..	..	120 :	..	..
1 2 3 to the order of the Lady [H]annah Kirwood value of M[r]. Randal Fowke & Cap[t]. John Powney Trustees to the Estate of Cap[t]. George Heron deceased	452 :	20 :	56	181 :	..	7
1 2 3 to the order of M[r]. Richard Hodgson for Accot. of M[rs]. Anne Houghton value of Mess[rs]. Nicholas Morse & Charles Peers, Administrators to the Estate of Joseph Houghton deceased.	50 :	..	..	20 :	..	..
P :	6918 :	28 :	54	£ 2767 :	10 :	3¾

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

107. The Marlborough arriv'd from Bencoolen the 12[th] May with the Consultations, Accounts &c[t] Papers from thence and in our General Books your Honours will find the Accounts of that Settlement adjusted to Ult[o] April 1729 the last Books we have receiv'd from them.

108. In settleing this Acco[t] We cou'd go no further back than December 1722, when their New Books begun having no regular Acco[t] from thence before, and after every thing since that time has been compar'd with our Books and adjusted the Debt of that Settlement remain'd at Pagodas 234503 : 4 : 29 which is now carried to

Marlbrô Fort old Acco[t] there being nothing now remaining for that large Sum which was partly sunk on the loss of that place and partly by the Expences & Charges from that time to the commencement of the New Books, We shall continue it under that head 'till your Honours are pleas'd to direct otherwise & for the future We shall take care to have their Accounts adjusted with ours yearly.

109. M[r]. Morse return'd on the Marlbrô and gave us a very satisfactory Account of his conduct during his stay, The Charges having been lessen'd the last year near One thousand Dollars & the Revenues encreas'd near Four hundred & fifty and the Buildings raised with frugality as appears by the Report of our Committee enter'd after Consultation the 24[th] August & We have reason to believe the country was left improv'd, but what further progress has been made since, we must waite for the next advices to judge by.

110. In Consultation of the 10[th] September your Honours will observe that we have order'd the Arrack and Sugar Plantations to be kept under the management of your Servants, they having yielded a considerable Proffit since See Jibb has been turn'd out. And we have order'd his Estate to be sold & the Plantation Stock to be brought to his Credit in order to pay off as far as can be recover'd his Debt to you which is decreas'd during M[r]. Morse's residence there near 600 Dollars.

95 111. We have also order'd the Building a Pepper Shed between Sillebar & Saloomah for the encouragement of the people of Salomah and have directed the Deputy Governour & Council to send us proposals for encouraging the Coffee Plantations.

112. There are in the same Consultations several other Orders and Regulations too large to enumerate here your Honours will see them more at large in our Letter to that Port N°. 33.

91.96 113. We have advis'd them of your permission to transmit Certificates to us when any of your servants pay money into your Cash for Europe or for produce of deceas'd persons Estates. We have also advis'd them to let M[r]. Amyand come away.

114. The Mountague is not yet arriv'd we hope she has been dispatch'd directly home.

93 115. We were determin'd in remitting the freight of M[r]: Carnegies Goods on the George by the report of the Gentlemen at the West Coast & the Committee here appointed to examine that affair & as the damages suffer'd were owing to the Vessels bad condition We thought in justice they ought to be made good to the Freighter.

SUPPLEMENT.

97.98 99.100 116. The Answers to the Bill in Chancery are all sent on this Ship, by all the Gentlemen now at this place & the Captain's receipt is in the Packet. The Gentlemen at Fort S[t]. David promise to get their Answers ready to send by some of these Ships. M[r]: Newcome is at Bencoolen & M[r]: John Sanderson at Ingeram where are no Commission[rs].

101.102 117. Such of the papers as can be found relating to Mess[rs]. Morris & Shelly are sent in the Packet, the rest are wrote for to Bencoolen.

118. We observe what you write in your 103[d]. and 104[th]. paragraphs relating to Debts due to the Company. We shall be as carefull as possible to recover in all Debts due to you from the several persons employ'd in collecting your Revenues &c[t]: and shall appoint none to the Cheifship of Subordinate Factories but such as we believe to be persons of integrity and in good Circumstances. And if after all our best endeavours, any of your Servants shou'd dye in your debt we will use our utmost deligence to recover such Debts.

105 119. We have set aside the By Law made consequent to the dispute between the Court & the Gentlemen of Bengall thô the meaning of that Law was only to give to Respondentia Bonds the nature of Mortgage Bonds which latter wou'd undoubtedly have secur'd the Effects to the Respondentia Creditors. The Court have been advis'd what you write about M[r]. Hurdis's estate, they promise to give in an Acco[t]. of that Affair.

120. We shall observe not to make any By Laws repugnant to the Charter or the General Laws of England and if We make any agreeable to these we shall not put them in execution till confirmed by you and such as are repugnant to them which have hitherto been looked upon as binding are now discontinued. 106. 108

121. We have not used any severe punishments to the Trespassors on the Tobacco & Beetle Cowle & shall when Complaints are made use as much lenity as the Circumstances of the place will admit of. 107

122. Mr. Thomas Cooke & Mr. Thomas Robson are both arriv'd here. 109

123. Our President's & Mr. Symonds' Covenants come in the Packet the securities for our President are Mr. John Freeman & Mr. Richard Benyon, for Mr: Symonds are Thomas Symonds of Pengethly in Herefordshire Esqr. & Mr. John Bateman of London Merchant. 112. 113

124. Mr: John Hunter and his family take their passage on this Ship.

125. We have further drawn on your Honour's for thirty two pounds six shillings & nine pence farthing for Eighty Pagodas, thirty fanams & forty Cash payable to the order of Captain David Wilkey value receiv'd of Mr: Matthew Empson upon the usual terms.

126. We omitted in the proper place to acquaint your Honours that the Garrison at this place—Fort St. David and the West Coast are very thin of Europeans which we desire you will send as good a supply of as conveniently you can. The charge of transporting the Military from hence to the West Coast is considerable and as we now seldom send any but small Vessels to that place it is dangerous putting a large number of European Soldiers upon them for fear of Mutiny therefore We are of opinion if your Honours supply that Settlement directly it will be the safest and cheapest way.

127. This Ship's Invoice amounts to 154745: 33: 45 but there are on board Twenty five Bales of Dossettees not included therein which the President & Council of Bengall have sent us no Accot. of, but promis'd to do it by the Mary & Cadogan which ships as beforesaid are not yet arriv'd us, The Register of diamonds by this Ship amounts to Ps: 5080: 26: 29 and that of the Capts: Private Trade to Rupees 17000: 7: 6 and Pagodas 1119.

128. The List of the two French ships' Cargoes lately dispatch'd from Pondicherry are in the Packet. We wish this Ship safe to your Honour's and are.

HONOURABLE
Your Faithfull humble Servants.

FORT ST. GEORGE
19TH: JANUARY 1730.

G. M: PITT.
RANDAL FOWKE.
JO: ROACH.
JAS: HUBBARD.
SAMLL: HYDE.
AUGS: BURTON.
CHAS: PEERS.
NICHS: MORSE.

P.S.—Messrs: Hubbard, Peers and Morse dissent to the Paragraph of this Letter No: 47, for the reasons enter'd after Consultation 18th: Janry where the replication is also enter'd, and We desire to referr your Honours thereto.

G: M: P.
R: F.
J: R.
J: H.
S: H.
A: B.
C: P.
N: M.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 19, 1730.
[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 8, pp. 26–27*]

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

After closing our Letter of this date to your Honours, We receiv'd one from your late President Mr: Macrae acquaints: that he cou'd not invest his mony in diamonds without a manifest Loss and being unable to get Bills was therefore oblig'd to carry it home in Current Pagodas Twenty five thousand 2500 of which he desires to lade on this Ship Craggs and as many on the Fordwich, leaving the Freight and Custom to Your Honour's determination, which we have agreed to, and write this to acquaint You therewith. We are.

HONOURABLE
FORT Sr. GEORGE Your faithfull Humble Servants
19TH JANUARY 1730. G: M: PITT &cr. COUNCIL.

P.S.—We are sorry to acquaint Your Honours that this minute we received the enclosed advices from Tellicherry by which you will see the melancholly situation of Affairs on their Coast.

G: M: PITT &cr.

GENERAL LEITER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 30, 1730.
[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 8, pp. 27–29*].

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. Our last to Your Honours were dated the 18th. & 19th. instant ℔ Ship Craggs wherein we gave a full Account of our transactions in Your Affairs to that time. This comes by Your Ship Fordwich which in Consultation the 20th. Instant we thought most Convenient to dispatch singly, neither the Mary or Cadogan being then arrived.

2. The 26th. instant Your Galley King George arrived from China with Gold and Teutanegue on your Honours Account to the amount of 19067Tale 1Ma 2Ca 2Cash which the Supra Cargo's there were induced to send us, our China Ship having fallen to leward of her port and not able to return this season, and that from Bengal wrecked upon an Island on the China Coast, the Commander and fifty eight men we hear were drown'd and nothing but five Chests of Silver Saved.

3. We have ordered the Gold to be coin'd into the New Pagoda we acquainted Your Honours was agreed to be circulated in all the branches of Your business, but being disappointed in these two Ships will very much frustrate that design. The Teutanegue we shall put up to Outcry to try the market and thereby judge if it is more expedient to sell or send it to the Bay.

4. This Gally parted with Your Ships Princess of Wales & Lyell the 19th. December in pretty hard weather.

5. They advise from China that Two French Ships and one Dutch had been there and another under the King of Prussia's Colours but they conclude she belonged to some persons in the Austrian Netherlands. The Dutch we hear are resolved to intercept her if possible and for that purpose have appointed five of their large Ships with One thousand men to waite in the Streights of Mallacca, others in the Streights

of Banca & Bally and in every other place 'tis probable she may endeavour to pass. Notwithstanding we are told a Ship lately passed the Streights of Malacca undiscovered by that Squadron and tis suspected to be the Ostender.

6. By Private Letters from Batavia our President is advised the Mountague sailed thence the 14th. July for Bencoolen whence we hope they have been able to load her for Europe in due time.

7. In this Packet is a Letter from Your President and Council at Bengal they write us they shall dispatch the Bridgewater and Duke of York sometime this month, and from Tellicherry they write the 28th. of December that in Twenty Days they expect the Prince William and Lethieulier to be with them to compleat their Loadings for Europe. They also advise a French ship from Europe, but last from Mascarine was just arrived at Mihie having lost her masts in the Bay was obliged to put for that Coast to refit.

8. The Mary arrived from Bengal the 26th. Instant, but the Cadogan is not yet in sight.

9. We have drawn Two setts of Bills on Your Honours of yesterday's date at eight shillings ℔ Pagoda and Two months Sight for the following sums paid into Your Cash.

	£ Sterlg.	Pags.
One Payable to the Order of Mr. Thomas Weston Value of Thos. Weston Junr..	200	500
One to the Order of Mr. Gascon Value of James Oliphant	120	300
	320	800

which we hope you will please to honour.

10. This Ships Invoice amounts to Pagodas 198951 : 25 : 30. The Register of Diamonds Pags. 33454 : 5 : 58. The Register of Private Trade to Currt. Rupees 21542–...–6 Pice And Pagodas 4610. We wish this Ship a Safe Passage to You and are

HONOURABLE
Your Faithfull humble. Servants
GEORGE MORTON PITT &cA.

FORT St. GEORGE
30[TH] JANUARY 1730.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1730.
[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 8, pp. 29–30*].

TO THE HOÑBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. We have already wrote You under the 19th & 30th. Ulto. ℔ Ships Craggs and Fordwich, This comes by Your Hons. Ship Mary on which we laded all the Bales we had on hand and were obliged to add six hundred Bags of Salt Petre to compleat her Tonnage. We are very sorry we can give You no further Account of the Cadogan than that it is believed she left the Pilate from Calcutta the 4th January, which was the Day after the Mary, and it being now so late we are fearfull some misfortune has befallen her.

2. The King George Galley sailed for Bombay last night but is yet in sight. We permitted the Commander to stay a few days to prepare the Vessel the better to receive Angrias Grabs in case they should meet, and supplyed him with Two hundred Pagodas and several necessary stores, of which we have advis'd Bombay Presidency.

3. Having examin'd & sorted the Cloth from Vizagapatam and Ingeram we put a value thereon as in Consultation the 29th Ultº. & 4th. Currt. There is no other variety of mark's on their Bales than that of Letter O which is to signify that Cloth is something short of the measure, as is specified in the Invoice.

4. We have drawn on Your Honours the following Bills of Exchange all of this day's date payable at two month[s] sight and eight shillings ℔ Pagoda for the amount of them paid into Your Cash which we pray You will please to honour Vizt. [*lacuna*].

5. This Ships Invoice amounts to Pags. 191774 : 32 : 72 & the Register of Diamonds to Pagodas 15115 : 6 : 8.

6. Capt. Thomson has deliver'd in an account of several parcels of Goods on account of the Private Trade, but says the quantity and value of great part of them is unknown to him, they being shiped by Capt. Holden. We wish this ship safe to You. And are.

HONOURABLE
YOUR Faithfull humble. Servants
GEORGE MORTON PITT &cA.

FORT St. GEORGE
13TH. FEBRY. 1730.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED MARCH 24, 1730. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 8, pp. 31–32*].

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

Our last to Your Honours was dated the 13th. Ultº. ℔ Ship Mary, she sailed the 15[th] with a fine Gale and we hope will make a good Passage, We were then under great apprehensions about the safety of the Cadogan, but on the 5th. instant She unexpectedly arrived, having been two months in her passage from Bengal, occasion'd by Calms & strong Northerely Currents.

In Consultation the 8 instant we determined to dispatch this Ship for Europe, finding by the several Orders cited in that Consultation, that it is Your Hons. intentions that all your ships shall endeavour to get a passage round the Cape thô dispatched late in the season.

Having put all the Salt Petre on board & made a Calculate of the Tonnage of what Bales could be provided, we found there would be wanting near nineteen Tun to compleat her Loading, but to prevent her going home dead freighted we agreed in Consultation the 20th to purchase Coffee for that purpose, as we could do it at so easy a rate, as forty three Pagodas ℔ Candy, & since the unhappy accident to the Barrington must render that commodity more acceptable at home.

In shipping the Coffee the Package of about six Candy being wet the Commander objected thereto, and we fearing it was much damaged and unwilling to detain the Ship immediately purchased the like quantity and sent off, but upon examination we found only about nine Pounds was damaged, the rest we caused to be reshiped rather than keep it here, thô it exceeds the Contracted Tonnage.

We are just advised that the Ostend Ship we acquainted Your Honours had been at Merga, lately arrived at Pondicherry but was immediately ordered away, she went then to Tranquebar where she continues ; The other Danish ship expected last Year is also arrived there.

The 15th. Ultº. we put up the Teutanague from China to Outcry which sold at near Forty five Pagodas & half ℔ Candy, the Copper from Europe at the same time better than seventy nine & half, and the Lead at upwards of sixteen & a Quarter.

This ships Invoice Amounts to One hundred fifty seven thousand, six hundred ninety two Pagodas, sixteen fanams & forty eight Cash. The Amount of Private Trade to Pagodas 1676 : 18—We wish this ship safe to you & are.

HONOURABLE
FORT S[T] GEORGE Your Faithfull hum[ble]. Servants
24[TH.] MARCH 1730. GEORGE MORTON PITT &c[A].

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 25, 1731. RECEIVED PER CADOGAN 27TH APRIL 1732. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3, pp. 145–156 (India Office transcript.)*]

1. Their last was dated 24th March which this ship brings, shall now proceed to answer the Company's Letters, first giving Captain Saunders's Reasons for not proceeding on his voyage.

2. He deliver'd a Protest enter'd after Consultation 1st April, the Delay was occasion'd by unavoidable Accidents which prevented his Arrival and Dispatch in Season. Standing Orders are to dispatch ships after the 28th February except in War so dispatcht him 25th March he sail'd the same day, on an alarm from the Dutch of several Ostend ships on the Coast Captain Sanders 1st May advis'd South winds and northerly currents were so strong he dared not go off the Coast, and for want of Provisions came into Madrass Road the 5th June.

3. The Heathcote is arriv'd at Mocha, China Ships all sail'd from Batavia 14th May, and that day Mr. Torriano Chief of them died, Walpole arriv'd 18th May, Frances 24th June, Cumberland 21th July, Aislabie 26th and George 2d Instant.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

4. Drake, Middlesex and London return'd from Country Voyages, touched there, and sailed for the Bay.

5. Sloop Marlborough is sold and a small vessell building at Pegue which will sail cheaper and go better, the George got off from Manaar little damag'd, made a Trip to the West Coast and again return'd thither.

6. Having at heart the lessening Vessel's Expences Accountant drew up an exact Calculate of necessary annual Disbursements and Work perform'd enter'd in Consultation 25th May, Freights the same as observ'd in Private Trade.

7. Put all the Saltpetre on Cadogan, sent since from the Bay 500 Baggs, but a vessell in bad Weather lost 11 and damag'd 14 which refused to allow the Captain, the affair to be decided in Bengall.

8. Mountague dispatcht from Bencoolen fully laden with one years Crop of Pepper, by the great care taken of Pepper Plantations hope the same Practice will be continued.

9. Mr. Symonds being dead, can give no account of Cloths Detention from northern Settlements, only the Conicoply says Mr. Macrae was prest to examine it but put it off.

10. Shall encourage Captains to take in Saltpetre.

11. Four French ships arrived at Pondicherry and 3 expected, of which three are to be dispatcht from the Bay with Cargoes of 16 Lack, three with Pepper, Coffee and piece Goods if to be got in October the others to carry assistance to Goa.

12. Two of the three Slaves sent to St. Helena are Men which they sent to Bencoolen.

13. Captain Nelly being very ill was the reason of not forcing him away, but shall give no Cause of Blame for the like Mistake.

14. List of Captain Lawson's private trade in the Packet.

15. The Vessel building at Pegue is to be rigg'd as a Brig[a]. and not like the Company's Galleys, Lascars not being used to such Sails.

SECONDLY, CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE, OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA, TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHER.

16. Goods per Walpole and Frances come out according to Invoice, have not taken any Silver for their use but purchased 140,000 Pag[s]. worth of the French, which with all sent out by the Company will be sent to the Bay, better to coyn Silver by the early ships than detain those which arrive late, could not have got the Ships away in time if had not begun to coyn early.

17. A piece of Cake Silver in Chest No. 316 per Walpole false Invoiced, when assay'd 6½ dwt. worse instead of 12 better, difference placed to account Currant London, the piece comes in the Packet broke from the Cake, assay p[s]. and the Assays in a Bag.

18. Madeira Wine wanted, Persia Vineyards not being repair'd.

19. Have this year allow'd the Owners of the China ship ¼ of a Dollar on Silver, shall not defend the large Cash and selling Silver to the China Voyage formerly.

20. 29 Bales Broadcloth sold to Mr. Symonds was on Condition to have all that remain'd of the same sorts at 30 per cent advance, the exact number of Bales not known at the Board, till the General Letter was wrote omitted thro' hurry to be inserted in one of 'em, don't know where he sent them Perpets were blue which and the fine Auroras he took for the sake of the rest.

21. Sold off all the Lead last year and 60 Candys this at 17 Pag[s]. per Candy, have no Iron but for use.

22. A parcell of Broadcloth was formerly imported from Persia, when imported at St. Thome can't prevent its going to other Parts, wherever there's a Demand Traders will supply Goods, but will endeavour to prevent its export.

23. In Consultation 3d May and 22th June Stores wrote off enter'd after strict examination 6 Candies saltpetre lost at St. Davids in a hard Gale.

24. Company's Interest regarded in disposal of Silver the two last China Voyages, thought Freighters of the Compton would not charge freight for Silver.

25. Shall advise the Bay if can dispose of surplus Aurora, large quantity of last years Cloth on hand, Merchants taking off but small parcells though engaged to take off all. Sunca Ramah dilatory, 30th April had 56,000 Pagodas worth on hand when sent for the Merchants, Tomby Chittee was willing and had Mony ready to clear his part, but Sunca Ramah having none named a Month for payment, resolved not to be put off any longer and ¾ was delivered to Tomby Chittee; Indulg'd Sunca Ramah with the other quarter, for which the first payment was not made till 17th June, differences at the Board on this occasion.

26. Sales of Tutenague, Lead and Copper enter'd in Consultation 27th April.

27. Indent for Broad Cloth for 1733 in the Packet.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

28. Mischiefs complain'd of formerly still subsist and not likely to cease, Crop of Cotton in April was a tolerable good one, but the hopes conceived therefrom defeated by Attempts to engross it. Famine has drove the Weavers and Spinners out of the country, can't promise a ship directly thence, shall stow and pack saltpetre as order'd.

29. Thought it needless to make a Contract till the Walpole arriv'd, found by several years Experience uniting the two sets of Merchants had bad consequences, being mortal Enemies, Interests clash'd, when in one Interest no room for Emulation so resolved to separate them; Tomby Chittee acquiesc'd, Sunca Ramah would not contract on any terms unless his share of Broad[c]loth was deliver'd him, but not complying he quitted.

30. Per Contract the Cloth is to be prized as brought in, and to be in the Merchants to take the Cloth back.

31. Shall mark the Bales with a B or W as better or worse than Muster.

32. Oblig'd to encourage providing Cloth anywhere so can't think of withdrawing Ingeram Settlement, Troubles of Vizagapatam not owing to Mismanagement but unsetled state, Copper Mony scarce, want of Cotton and armies marching fill their Letters, Mr. Sanderson has picked up 70 Bales, 56,000 rupees and 21,000 Pagodas sent thither this season.

33. St. David has entirely fail'd in the Investment, Merchants thereby selling at old prices longer than could afford can't undertake anything, not possible to engage 'em in any Contract thô promise to get what they can at 42½ to 45 pagodas for ordinary Cloth which being exorbitant prices put 'em on contracting as in 30th Par^{a}. when that is done can't promise much this year.

34. Have prized only 20 Corge Chints Moorees at 42 of new Contract, the quantity of Cotton in a peices fixes the value now more than workmanship, and Merchant met with difficultys in agreeing with Weavers and has done nothing till now, state of Investment enter'd in Consultation 16th Instant being his advices from the weaving towns where he has advanced 17,000 Pagodas, and to frustrate the Engrossers of Cotton bought 150 Candys at 28 pag^{s} per Candy out of a Surat ship and sent part to be spun which has stopt the Engrossers hands.

35. Crop of Cotton spoil'd at Vi[z]agapatam, sold in the Buzars at Ingeram at 40 pag^{s} per Candy have order'd a supply to Mr. Davis of what he wants at 28 pag^{s} per Candy.

36. Will keep no ship later than necessary, but it depends on the progress in Investment as yet so backward can't advise the Bay what hope to do.

37. French stood for neither price, length or breadth.

38. Uncoin'd Silver being exported, lowers the Mint Revenue but is a Benefit to the Trader, Arcot Rupee grows worse and worse.

39. In answer to 28th Par^{a}. Mr. Burton will not expostulate but promises Fidelity.

40. Price of Chints not to be lower'd thro' dearness of Cotton and Famine.

41. Goods sent to St. Helena shall be well secured.

42. Sorry the Investment so little suits the Companys Circumstances since the late Act of Parliament, promise best endeavours, Latitude in prizing Cloth the only way to extend trade.

43. Armenian Merchants offer'd ordinary Cloth at 43 Pagodas brown but rejected.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA &C^{A}.

44. Mr. Dyer sent home, as shall Mr. Tornery if can reach him, and Mr. Barne enter into Covenants.

45. Few Respondentia Bonds register'd.

46. New Pagodas are current without any trouble, whereby the Company's Cash is secured, if others don't secure themselves can't blame the Government, got rid of all the old Pagodas without loss by a purchase of Silver from the French.

47. Northern Settlements still disturbed.

48. Gooda Anconah made infinite advantage by Grain, can't determine whether the late President was concern'd.

49. The Ostend ship came to Pondicherry, but the French order'd her out, so she went to Tranquebar and was friendly receiv'd, upon which the Dutch and they protested against the Danes and prohibited all Trade, they counter protested that Law of Nations oblig'd 'em to assist her, on which the Dutch sent a ship into that Road and desired them to send another, but put it off, Dutch proposed to seize her to which answer'd in general terms, and while the Frances was getting ready to send,

the Ostender escaped in the night, know not where she design'd per Copys of what pass'd in Letter Book, 'tis plain she is an Ostender thô had a Pass as a Frankfurter, as she may return have not open'd a Trade with the Danes.

50. Stores of Rice and Paddy laid in for the Garrison, thô no scarcity 'tis not come down to the Price before the Famine.

51. Bills for produce of Coral shall be given.

52. Samuel Palmer is Resident at Pegue under Covenants.

53. Copys of Admiralty Commissions receiv'd.

54. No Pepper bought for their Account on Mallabar Coast since 3 rupees per Candy laid on except for the Margaret Anne charg'd at 75 rs. so suppose that Duty was paid.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

55. Seagate and Silver Godowns repair'd after a survey and a House at Ingeram for the Cloth in the most frugal manner.

56. New Powder House is a Magazine made Bomb proof and moated round, done as cheap as possible, the Beating Godown and Granary are not finish'd.

57. Bought some Timber and Plank for the St. David Buildings which will be soon finished.

58. Messrs. Hart and Stratton bought some Ground running along the Curtain from St. Thomas's Point on the usual Terms.

59. Measuring Cowl at St. David would not let at the old rate.

60. No difficultys in collecting Rental and Scavingers Dutys, Garden Renters are tardy though made 'em a small Abatement.

61. Washers are easy, have not demanded though not quitted their Debt.

62. The Gold complain'd of came by way of Manilha from Mines in Spanish West Indies, which contain mineral Iron or Steel, known in London by the name of Emery, so hard will not submit tô Fire *Aqua fortis* or any Dissolvent, 'tis pale, dirty and breaks to pieces under the hammer, though Iron is, Quicksilver's never found in Melted Gold.

63. Silver's allow'd to be exported so no Seizures will be made.

64. So much Coral is on hand oblig'd to collect Customs per Manifest, substantial men only allow'd to carry Goods away before Customs are paid.

65. Cowles are let as high as can raise them, Betle and Tobacco Farm in the Country not attempted. Trevitore was let to the late President nobody offering near the late rent, Tomby Chittee some days after took them at 30 Pagodas advance on old rent.

66. Captain Hunter's Bond shall be sent to the Bay, to be sued for if not comply'd with.

67. Some Patan Traders desir'd to land some Elephants from St. Thomé on paying half Customs which though an immediate Loss to the Company refused. Trade of St. Thomé encreased of late, Patan ships all go there and Goods from thence pay full Customs, but propose it to be consider'd whether allowing a Drawback would not bring back those People and encrease Revenues thereby.

SIXTHLY, TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

68. President don't receive the allowance Mr. Macrae claimed on Investment.

69. Shall always lay in Grain for the Garrison.

70. Mr. Wynch's Bond shall be recover'd.

71. Illegal Confinements by Ancona appears in Consultations and Sessions Papers.

72. Thomas Sibley of the Military sent to assist Mr. Sanderson at 6 pag^{s} per Month, no more to be expected from Mr. Blunt's estate.

73. Frederick Haag Surgeon at West Coast was Surgeon's Mate of the Eyles.

74. Acted without picque or prejudice in Barrington and Hammond's Affair but shall avoid severity.

75. Eight of the Military discharg'd, many others will request it but shall encourage them to List again for a certain time being better than new men, whole Garrison at St. David have serv'd out their time bent to go away unless their Pay is advanced.

76. Hope success in this will not slacken Recruits expected, Roles show the Garrison are weak, and when Nabob dyes expect disturbances.

77. Secretary will be careful in making up Packets, Letter per Heathcote was wrote in a great hurry.

78. Messrs. Hammond and Mitchell arriv'd as also the Free Merchants.

79. Interest shall be paid to Mr. Walsh's estate.

80. Can recover no more from Mr. Blunt's estate.

81. Mr. Rumbold shall have salary and act as Attorny on occasion.

82. Joseph Goldfinch has no Credit in their or Vizagapatam books.

83. Are not to answer for hardships put upon Mr. Peers by Mr. Macrae, if they err'd 'twas to support the Company's Orders.

84. Mr. Bulkley is Sub Accomptant and is not under any disadvantages.

85. Courts of Justice are open to Sebastian Teixera de Britto's Complaint against Major Roach, he could not be ignorant that was the proper way to proceed.

86. When Messrs. Campbell and Harrison arrive, shall enter into Covenants.

87. Mr. Drake b[e]ing arriv'd, the orders about his Silver cease.

88. Shall give due Credit for Mr. Burgh's Letter.

89. Mr. Davis is Chief of Vizagapatam, and will provide for Mr. Sanderson.

90. Mr. Symonds Deputy Governor of St. Davids dy'd 25th June, appointed Mr. Fowke Deputy Governor there, on which Mr. Roach and Mr. Hubbard disputed the place of third, and being at a Loss how to explain the Company's Orders, agreed that the Second's place be vacant 'till further Orders, Mr. Roach made Export Warehousekeeper and Mr. Hubbard Sea Customer.

91. Oblig'd to suspend Mr. Peers for insulting Officers on Guard to support the Dignity of the Government and peace of the Place, to which Messrs. Hubbard and Morse dissented, as also to Mr. Foxley's suspension, who with Henry Salomons were in Mr. Peers's company. Mr. Hyde has Import Warehouse in Mr. Peers's room.

92. Mr. Walsh the Secretary at the President's arrival had the Keys of the Cash Chest as usual, and when the Cash was counted the Keys were returned to Walsh, on his death sent for 'em and when the Council was met open'd the Chests before Walsh's apprentice, when a Deficiency appear'd from last of April of Pag^{s}. 3,428 : 29 : 56, but the next Meeting the Accomptant found Pag^{s}. 11,724 : 18 : 10. were omitted to be brought to account upon this a Committee were order'd to examine the Cash from the President's arrival who found a Deficiency in the whole of Pag^{s}. 15,899 : 14 : 26 which the President immediately made good, and has since kept the keys himself. It was hard to find out Walsh's management by artfully omitting summs made the Ballance less than it really was, did not suspect one who had smarted for such practices would repeat 'em the Trust was too great but done as a thing of course, and refer to Consultations 2d, 10th and 17th of June for Particulars.

93. Messrs. Monson and Graham are Searchers at the Sea Gate.

94. Edward Fowke gone to St. David, Joseph Goddard from Bencoolen gone to Vizagapatam at Factors salary, left to the Company to confirm or dismiss him.

95. Ensign Acarte being dead, Serjeant John Stuart had his Commission and Thomas Horne that of Ensign Taylor who is reduc'd to half pay.

96. Mr. Davis of Vizagapatam while at Madrass was encourag'd and fully supply'd with Cash.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

97. Cossimbuzar Broker had some Goods wreckt on the Coast and his proportion of the Salvage will be paid.

98. Diamonds are dear, when Gold arrives to procure new Species large sums will be paid into Cash for Bills—have drawn the following viz^{t}. for £ 859–11. payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco, for £ 923–15–3. to Ditto Ditto, being the produce of Coral.

99. Calculate of quick Stock shall be annually sent.

100. George Tempest and John Murray's Credits shall be wrote off.

101. Old Renters at St. David being poor cannot recover their Debt.

102. Will be more careful than they were in the Article of Tinn Plates and Iron Shott.

103. Wrote to the Bay to send Invoices directly to England.

104. West Coast Books are adjusted.

105. Register of Diamonds and other Papers shall be regular.

106. Will be as frugal as possible, but Expences are as low as possible.

107. Vizagapatam Books B B are sent.

108. Ingeram Expences are chiefly the Resident's Diet Mony and Salary, there's a constant Charge to keep up the Company's Title.

109. What mony comes from Bombay shall be sent to the Bay.

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

110. Mr. Newcome is order'd to Madrass, Mr. Charles Gee return'd again with readiness.

111. When oblig'd to send Persons thither will regard Company's Interest without private Views.

112. Persons from Europe shall have the Preference.

113. See Jibb is order'd to Madrass being not able to pay his Debts, and would endeavour to make his escape, nor care to act on a level with those he has commanded being Captain of his Nation.

114. Expences in 1730 are lessened Dollars 1,540–3–94.

115. Gerard White is Surgeon's Mate there.

116. Oaaloodeane's Family is to come over to him, not safe to let him return thither.

117. Shall try three Europeans sent from thence for Piracy in running away with a Boat.

NINTHLY, TOUCHING THE NEW CHARTER.

118. This Head is kept in the Secretary's Office.

119. Sensible of its Benefit, but not being vers'd in the Law don't well understand its Rules, from whence many ill Consequences arise, but the Instructions will make 'em more regular and make the Natives easy, who have not yet inform'd what are the Priviledges they desire.

120. Shall pursue the Rules as to Aldermen and others.

121. Do not hear the Pleadings of the Attorneys in a publick manner.

122. Instructions as to both Courts shall be observ'd.

123. Bill drawn for £ 1000—to Anthony Da Costa for returns in part of a Chest Coral per Eyles ✡ B.

124. Wish the ship safe home.

G. M. Pitt
Jas: Hubbard
Aug: Burton
Jno: Roach
Saml: Hyde
Nic: Morse.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated January 15, 1732. Received Per London August 16, 1732. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3. p. 157.* (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Send this via Pondicherry, advising the Arrival of the Dawsonne from Bengall, which with the George stopped at Vizagapatam to take in Bales, the Drake and London are also expected from the Bay. The Walpole goes to Judda.

2. Are advised from China, that the Caesar and Macclesfield would be first dispatcht from thence.

3. Bengall write them that the troubles with the Country Government will make the dispatch of the Shipping very late. The Nabob has made large Demands for the Ostend Affair, and also the Customs on Goods the English have traded in 14 years past.

4. The ill Success apprehended in their Investment has equalled their fears, insomuch shall be obliged to give these four ships a large quantity of saltpetre.

5. They refer to what they shall write by their own Ships.

G.M. Pitt
Jno: Roach
Jas: Hubbard
Saml: Hyde
Aug: Burton
Nic: Morse.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated January 31, 1732. Per London and Dawsonne. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3, pp. 157–166.* (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Wrote per Cadogan the 25th August in answer to all the Companys Commands this Season, and gave an Account of their Management 'til then with other advices, this contains further advices and Accounts from the time of her Departure.

First of Shipping.

2. In their Letter by the French ship acquainted the Company of the Arrival of the Dawsonne from the Bay, the next was the George 22th Instant and none of the others expected from that place arrived, agreed in Consultation 24th to dispatch them both together, but the London importing the 25th brought advice that the Drake sailed some hours before her, thought it the Company's Interest first to dispatch the ships which had been longest in India, for Reasons mentioned in Consultation 26th, resolved to keep back the George to send home a larger proportion of Bales, the other Ships Charterpartys being out the 31th January thought it not prudent to detain any of them.

3. Received a Complaint against Captain Flower from the Governour and Council of Negapatam for his Behaviour at Galle in his Passage from Bengal to Bombay No. 71 to which they answered No. 60 that they could not make any enquiry he being gone out of India.

4. Captains Pitt and Flower petition'd for an Addition to the Saltpetre received on Indulgence, which was rejected, not having a sufficient Quantity for the 4 Ships as then judged, likewise apprehend that Addition would overstock the Market, however on Captain Pitt's 2d Petition they let him have 350 Baggs.

5. The new sloop arrived from Pegue the 25th shall be employ'd in the best manner for the Company's Service, when an Allowance is regularly made for her Earnings, hope the Account will not swell as those of the other Vessells have done.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

6. Gentlemen of Bengal desire the first ship from England designed them, may be immediately dispatcht with the Bullion instead of detaining her for Rupees, shall be careful to comply in future.

7. Have sent Indents for Wares and Stores with Accounts of Remains in Warehouse and Storehouse, therein is to be observ'd a demand for 50 Bales Blue Cloth of the Muster annext, which may be vended in Manilla for cloathing their Garrison.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS, OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

8. Sent an Account per Cadogan of the Difficultys met with in the Contract, and therefore only refer to the Letters receiv'd and sent and Consultations since, but will recapitulate the chief Contents of what has past having met with no Success anywhere but at Ingeram, from whence have receiv'd 240 Bales althô that part of the Country has been much harrassed by Disputes between the Rajahs and Nabobs, which proved a great Disappointment to Mr. Sanderson, notwithstanding he procured the above, which they inspected in Consultation the 24th Instant and agreed to give one Pagoda per Corge Longcloth ordinary No. 1 Adv^{a}. on the last years prices, midling No. 1 as last year, Izzarees and Salempores advanced in proportion to the Long Cloth. Letters from thence since their last advices, mention the Troubles he met with. Cotton at 40 Pagodas per Candy, therefore supply'd him with a parcel from Surat to enable him to provide a quantity of Cloth, which proved so ordinary that he could not sell it nor deliver it out to the Spinners, hope the Company will not disapprove of the Advance allowed him, considering that he is not indulged in any fine goods, which makes the coarse come out dearer, have also taken in two Bales of extra good Cloth at 40 Pagodas per Corge which hope will be approved of.

9. Vizagapatam has not had so good success having only sent 334 Bales occasioned by the Troubles thereabouts, so that Mr. Davis could procure no Cloth from the Ganjam Country, the want of the quantity of the Vizagapatam Investment is made up in part by the goodness of the Cloth, and have agreed for the prices mention'd in Consultation 26th Instant for such part as is already white, the rest when washed shall be valued as it deserves.

10. Have sent Mr. Sanderson a supply of Cash with which he has set the Weavers to work, and promises a considerable Assistance next Season.

11. The French resettled at Yannam and invest great part of their Mony in fine Goods, and make it difficult for the Company's Northern Settlements to keep their Weavers, and therefore press very much for some fine Cloth, but as the Company will not permit, they can't indulge them, and recommend it to the Company's Consideration.

12. Have avoided putting a valuation on the cloth 'till there should be a quantity bro^{t}. in, having got about 100 Bales, met the 24th to value it when Tomby Chittee produced a List, assur^{s}. them was the real Cost of each Species when bro^{t}.

into Town, and offer'd it at a reasonable advance, told him how much cheaper they procured the Northern Cloth and the great Disappointment were under by his non complyance with his Contract, and used every other Arguments to lower the prices, but got no other advantage than the Cloth at the rates in the above mention'd List, which he consented to, and being convinced of the truth of the Account judged it necessary to acquiesce.

13. They labour under great Difficultys at Fort S^{t}. David, the price insisted on Long Cloth ordin^{ry}. 43$\frac{3}{4}$ per one Sett of Merchants and 45 by the other, have not receiv'd any at those Prices though have sorted and embaled it, their Merchants have declared they will provide no more, but will pay the Ballance of what is due from them with Interest.

14. There were formerly sent up 3 Bales Cloth unpriz'd worse than No. 3 fine and better than middling, w^{ch}. on Account of the Difficulty of the times they order'd S^{t}. David to pay for them at the rate of No. 3, Agreed to the same in Regard to some 40 Covid Ginghams provided on a former Contract, which being refused, were obliged to allow Pags. 47$\frac{1}{2}$ per Corge.

15. In Consultation 21th September are the several Resolves with regard to the Fort S^{t}. David Investm^{t}. and in sev^{l}. Letters have pressed upon them the care of it, but they labour under Difficultys, the Cloth vastly dearer there than at the Fort, therefore sent them a List of Prices agreed for.

16. Have sent in the Packet a List of the French Ships Cargo's to Europe, who provide above sixty different sortments, give extravagant prices and stand for neither Lengths, Breadths, nor Goodness, which has made Fort S^{t}. Davids Merchants rather desire to turn out their Cloth than keep it, because they could sell it to the French at a better price.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA &C^{A}.

17. The Canton Merchant is returned from China & brought a Supply of Gold, which being coined into Pagodas, has supply'd the Gentlemen who have sold Coral, with Mony to pay into Cash for Bills, their other China Ship is expected next Month, and the Manilha Ship Daily, Resolved to send a small one to the last Place in March with piece Goods, but with an Exception to Long Cloth or Sallempores so much wanted for the Company's Account.

18. Hear Angria is abroad with two powerful Fleets. Letters from Bengal give a terrible Acco^{t}. of the Troubles there, the London bringing advice of a Disturbance near Calcutta, in which a Jemidar was killed & his Village burnt.

19. Are under apprehensions of a grievous Famine, hav^{g}. had scarce any Import of Rice & Paddy, the Boats stopt by southerly Winds, the Country round about burnt for want of Rain, are purchasing what Grain they can for the Garrison &c^{a}.

20. The Nabob's passing by Fort S^{t}. Davids put them to Trouble and Expence of a Present, as ment^{d}. at large in Book of Letters receiv'd, hope will be approv'd.

21. A Portugueze Ship from Goa carry'd the Recruits which were wanted by them ag^{t}. the Sou Rajah and Morattas.

22. The President has made overtures of allowing a Drawback on Patan Goods to such as live at St. Thomé in order to recover those People again, but had no other answer than that their Principals are at Sea or in the Country, which must be deferr'd till next Season.

23. Are advised from Bengal that Captain Hunter landed his Raw silks at Surat and paid the Customs, have therefore deliver'd up his Bond.

24. The Ostend Ship having left Tranquebar, agreed the 13th September to take off the Prohibition of Trade with that Place, it is beleived she sailed for Goa in a very weak Condition, not hav^{g}. above forty Men.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS &C^{A}.

25. The Measuring Farm at Fort St. David relet at the old rate, and the Garden now let to Perseramah.

26. Have agreed to Employ the Mony in hand under the head of Town Conicoplys Duty in making an Addition to the Sea Gate as far as the back Gate.

27. Proposals made to the Governour of St. David for coining in that Mint, have put a Stop to it on Account the coin was of a base Alloy.

28. The new Rent Roll sign'd in Consultation 28th Instant, amounts to a Trifle less than the last year.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

29. Mr. Niel Campbell's Covenants sent in the Packet.

30. Messrs. Davis & Sanderson permitted to come up, will return early in the Season.

31. Holland Goddard permitted to come up and reside at the Fort.

32. Have given an Ensign's Commission to George Hutchinson.

33. Have recover'd 19 Pago. more of Mr. Blunts Debt.

34. George Montague & George Triepland dyed at Fort St. David & George Wentworth laid down the Service.

35. Have found an Omission in Mr. Walsh's favour of 1541 Pags. 4. for 6 Mc Salary not enter'd in the Cash Account.

36. In Consultation 15th and 20th January had Petitions for receiving the amount of the estates of three deceased Persons into the Company's Cash, rejected as contrary to the Company's order 21th February 1728, but have taken in Mr. Gollop's and another summ on Accot. of some Orphans under Mr. Newman's care.

37. Have given an advance pay to 18 Soldiers and to 13 at St. Davids to new list, repeat their request for Recruits, not having within 40 of their stated Number, and at Fort St. David but 48 in their two Companys of Europeans.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

38. In Consultation 20th January, are the Remarks made on their Accountant's Report of the Expence & Revenues and the Fort St. Davids Accountant's Report, Mr. Davis's explanatory account of Charges at Vizagapatam enter'd after Consn. 28th Instt.

39. Have allow'd the Storekeeper and Scavinger to write off some small summs due from Ancona as at large in Consultation 9th November.

40. Have receiv'd in further part of his Fine Pags. 3094: 19: 36. the Sheriff will collect the rest as fast as he can discover his Effects.

41. Have receiv'd only one Set of Books from Fort Marlborough, the Mountague was to bring Copys to England.

42. Have drawn the following Bills vizt.

£	s.	d.	
1031	9	8	to Isaac Salvadore.
1871	3	10½	to Ditto.
2691	14	1	to Ditto.
392	0	4	to Araham Portello.
184	10	9¼	to Abraham de Fonseca.
126	10	7	to Judah Supino & Son.
439	7	8	to Ditto.
193	2	¼	to Ditto.
129	4	10½	to Abraham & Fernandes Nunes.
1650	3	2¼	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
743	10	8	to Ditto.
257	14	3¾	to Ditto and Paul Daranda.
512	6	10¾	to Ditto.
996	14	9	to Abraham and Jacob Franco.
615	7	10½	to Ditto.

[£	s.	d.]	
89	0.	8¼	to [Abraham & Jacob Franco].
43	16	¾	to Ditto.
355	9	7	to Ditto.
168	7	2	to Ditto.
380	4	¾	to Ditto and Paul Daranda.
1209	15	1½	to Paul Daranda & Ditto.
107	4	0	to David de Abraham Curiel.
745	3	10¾	to Isaac Salvadore.
278	6	3	to Ditto.
934	16	10	to James Porten.
542	1	6¾	to Jacob Mendes da Costa.
908	4	1½	to Ditto.
332	0	0	to John Robins.

43. Have wrote off to Account Currant London the following Estates :

Estate of John Murray	Pag[s].	729 : 17 : 55
Estate of William Burgh		293 : 33 : 35
Estate of George Tempest		2949 : 30 : 48

And transfer'd from the West Coast Books upon Certificate

Estate of Hugh Hopkins	904 : 6 : 0
Estate of Berchardus Bletz	75 : 26 : 17
Estate of Archibald Murray	75 : 17 : 61
Estate of Henry Cookram	213 : 0 : 0
Estate of Edmund Bugden	16 : 24 : 39
Estate of John Sinclair	87 : 0 : 0
Estate of John Caulier	54 : 33 : 62

SUPPLEMENT.

44. Mess[rs]. Morse & Torriano have petition'd them for an Allowance as given other Deputy Governours of Bencoolen, the Petition enter'd after Consult[n]. 28th Inst[t].

45. No Diamonds on these ships except one Bulse per London val : Pag[s]. 1346 : 16 : 60, & one per Dawsonne val : 1080 : 35 : 62.

46. Have Granted Bills to John Green Esq. for £ 925 : 2 : 7¾ the Churchwardens have not presented the Bill granted them, there are two more Bulses of Diamonds register'd, one amounting to Pagodas 1565 : 25 : 15 per Dawsonne, another per London amount[s] to 1265 : 3 : 55 the Captains Register on the London amounts to Rs. 45109 : as. 10 : p. 2 and on the Dawsonne to Rups. 32949 : 6 : 0 & Pag[s]. 5319 : fas. 18 : 0 the Invoice of the former is Pag[s]. 1830 : 5 : 12 and the latter Pag[s]. 18600 : 23 : 45 which they wish safe home.

G. M. PITT
JN°. ROACH
JA[s]. HUBBARD
SAM[L]. HYDE
AUG[s]. BURTON
NIC[s]. MORSE.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1732. RECEIVED PER GEORGE AND DRAKE. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 3, pp. 166–168. (India Office Transcript)*].

1. Wrote at large per London & Dawsonne which were dispatcht 31th ultimo, Drake imported 2d instant Captain Houghton obliged to stay some days to deliver the Saltpetre and other Stores and compleat his Water, judged it for the Company's

Interest to keep her 3 or 4 Days more that both ships might go together, having Bales enough to compleat the tonnage of both by the 10th Day fixt for their Dispatch.

2. Since the last Ships sail'd, their time has been taken up in sorting. What Cloth came from Fort St. David prove very dear & ordinary and a very small Quantity, have complain'd of it and ought to get an Abatement, but don't expect they will succeed.

3. Have view'd the remainder of the Vizagapatam Cloth and valued at the same Price allow'd for the Ingeram, and thô determin'd not to receive any fine Cloth from those Settlements, yet Mr. Davis offering 9 Bales at 50 Pag^{s}. per Corge extreamly good, have accepted them and hope will be approved.

4. The French are Enabled to send another Ship home this time by the arrival of a ship from Bengal with a considerable Quantity of Bales, can't learn what her Cargo will consist of, but are inform'd that they have made it up with all manner of Gruff Goods.

5. When coin'd the M. Pagodas for the last Supply to Ingeram, they stood them in $1\frac{5}{8}$ per cent being in weight and fineness $1\frac{1}{16}$ and $\frac{9}{6}$ for the Charge in Coining; Have therefore this year exchanged with the Owners of the China Ship about Pag^{o}: 30000 for one and $\frac{1}{16}$ which is the intrinsick Difference between the two Species, and the Company are Gainers that Difference thereby.

6. In the 119th Par^{a}: per Cadogan promised to lay the Grievances of the Casts, when complain'd of, before the Company, they have now done it and only request that Disputes among themselves may be arbitrated by themselves, & that they have liberty to correct Offenders ag^{t}. the Rules of their Casts, all which ('till the Company's Orders come out) shall encourage as much as possible.

7. Samuel Harrison is arriv'd, his Indentures come in the Packet.

8. Amount of the Invoice per Drake is Pag^{s}. 4725 : F. 15 : C. 10 per George Pag^{s}: 38264 : 7 : 59, Register of Goods on the former amounts to Rs. 16827 : 4 : 9 & 7456 Pag^{o}:, on the latter 11917 Rup^{s}. & 3650 Pagodas.

9. Have drawn the Bill they had granted the Ministers and Church Wardens for £ 1000 payable to Mr. Henry Newman. Wish these ships safe home.

G. M. Pitt
Jn^{o}: Roach
Ja^{s}: Hubbard
Sam^{l}: Hyde
Aug^{s}: Burton
Nic^{s}: Morse.

General Letter from Fort S^{t}. George to the Company, dated August 28, 1732.
[*Public Despatches to England vol. 9, pp. 1–13*].

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honble United Company
of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies,

Honourable

1. Our last bore Date the 10th February 173$\frac{1}{2}$ by the Drake & George, of which Letter We now send Triplicate and having since that time been honour'd with yours of the [3^{d}.] December & 11th February We shall take the opportunity of these two ships to reply thereto and to give your Honours an acco^{t}., of such occurrences here as are worthy your Notice under the Usual Heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURNED.

2. We observe the Ships Dispatch'd from all parts of India arrived Safe all but the Cadogan the cause of whose Detention Your Hon^rs., will have been advised of by our last years letters of those sent out this Year the Houghton & Monmouth are Arriv'd at Mocha but We hear Coffee is so scarce and Dear that only one of them will get a Loading this season, There is a French ship there also Design'd to Europe, Captain Bottom who arriv'd the 25^th Aug^t. from Judda tells us she will get about half her Lading at Mocha & fill up at Don Mascarine for Europe The four China Ships We hear are past Batavia in their way to Canton the six to this Coast are all arriv'd and Dispatch'd to Bengal in the following order— 3^RD DEC^R. Par. 2, 3, 4. 11^TH FEB^Y Par. 2.

	Arrived.	Sail'd.
Nassau	14—June ...	10^th July.
Eyles	24— ...	7^th July.
Grantham	1^st July	27^th.
Duke of Lorrain ...	15 d^o.	5^th Aug^t.
Prince of Orange ...	...	12^th.
Bedford ...	26^th d^o.	23^d.

3. The first of these Ships was sent to Vizagapatam with a supply of Cash for that place & Ingeram. The Eyles We sent away agreeable to the request of the President & Council of Bengal in their Letter N^o. 35 with her Bullion, & We coind the treasure of those ships who had most goods to unlade here & were consequently Likely to Lay the longest in our road; but we were obliged to Permit Capt^n. Hudson though he had nothing to Deliver here to stay seventeen Days he having fourteen or fifteen Men very Ill in our Hospital besides about as many on board his ship agreeable to his Petition to Us Deliver'd the 3^d. Aug^t., & Entered after Consultation of the 8^th of that Month.

4. We wrote your Hon^rs. in the 4^th Paragraph of our letter by the Craggs that We had some faint hopes of Dispatching the Cadogan in September of that year to you, but were Disappointed, which We hope will plead our excuse for not sending her an early ship to the bay.

5. We shall observe in future should any Pepper come here from Bencoolen & a Deficiency happen in the weight to transmitt an account thereof attested to your Honours, We acknowledge our error in adjusting the Deficiency of that by the Cadogan & shall avoid the Like hereafter.

6. The Eleven bales of Damaged Broad Cloth by the [Lon]don & Nine by the Craggs, which We told your Honours were Delivered the Capt^n. of those ships they paid Your Warehousekeeper for who brought the amount to account in his books in the Month's of June & July.

7. When We take bonds from the Commanders for any Treasure or goods Landed here which are not in the Mani[fests] We will obs[erve] to transmit those bonds to Y^r. Honours.

8. [*Two lines lost*] hole left open under the Cheeks of the Head that he was oblig'd to put into Fort S^t. David where he stopp'd the Leak[s] & proceeded [o]n his Voyage the 15^th March the Charge of this was Pag^s. thirteen & fourteen fanams chiefly occasion'd by being oblig'd to unlade his goods, His account of this accident is in the book of letters received N^o. 26.

9. We are unwilling to Urge excuses for our Selves where w^t we have already said doth not meet your Honours approbation for which reason We will not say anything more in our Defence with respect to the permitting Your ship George to go to Bombay the Damage to her Cargoe sent to Bencoolen We apprehend did not proceed from any bad Management in her repair at Bombay but by the Unfortunate running her ashore in her return from thence at Manaar in the bottom of Tutocorin bay where she Lay several months before she Could be got off which must have strain'd her very much We advis'd yonr Honours Last year as she was sent to Bencoolen

the beginning of June, she was four Months & a half going thither and We have just rec^{d}. advice from Vizagapatam that after a Passage of five Months & Six Days from thence she is got to that port, The Captain Second Mate & ten more of her People are Dead. M^{r}. Newcome his Wife & another Woman Passanger Died also on board her We have sent what stores We could get necessary for her on a Ketch bound thither and order'd her up as soon as refitted with Bales on Your acco^{t}.

10. Before We leave this paragraph We beg leave to repeat our assurances to your Honours that We do narrowly inspect & examine all accounts relating to your Ships & Vessells least any Unnecessary Expence should be gone upon or any Embezilments should happen in the stores Del^{d}, for their use.

10TH. 11. Of the four Ships sent from hence last year We Dispatchd the London & Dawson together and after them the Drake & George which method We are pleas'd to find is what your Honours approve, but We were surpris'd by a report brought from Negapatam by the Northumberland that one of our ships Dispatch'd to England had put back to Batavia which We could not think probable unless she had sprung a Leak or some other accident had happen'd accordingly We wrote to the Gov^{r}. & Counc^{ll}, of Negapatam N°. 44 to enquire about it who have returnd for answer N°. 54 that an English Vessell came into Batavia in Feb^{ry}., to repair some Damage which oblig'd him to Anchor & Stay some time and having been assisted there proceeded on his Voyage the Middle of March. That the Captain of their ship who brings this advice knew neither the Name of the ship or the Captain & added that she only Damaged one of her Masts.

12. This brings us naturally to the Meloncholly Acco^{t}. of the Derby & Duke of Cumberlands having Lost their Passage from Bengal Your Deputy Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. David having agreeable to our orders on Notice of their coming into that port Demanded of the Commanders their reasons for so Doing they Gave the same in Writing which your Honours will find in our Letter Book copied after N°. 34 a letter from Fort S^{t}. David. We hope th[is] will meet with a speedy Passage home & that the sale of their Cargoes will in part make up the great Disappointment your Honours will have found by their not arriving in time.

[...] 13. We shall observe your orders in this Paragraph and transact nothing (but what requires secrecy) except in Council and our Sub[or]dinates shall observe to Do the same. To Your Honours complaint that private advices frequently anticipate those to you We must beg leave to ans[wer] that We take all the care imaginable to give you full accounts of all material occurrences or at least, of every thing we think such & We there[fore] hope We shall not be found liable to censure on that Account in future.

[13] [14] [16] [17] 14. We have as yet heard nothing of any Ostend or Sweedish ships arriv'd on this Coast when they Do We shall strictly obs[erve] your orders about them the ship which Last year lay at Tranquebar and gave us so much trouble at Last got saf[e] [to] Goa where We hear she met wi[th] four hundred & eighty Bales of goods from this Coast which were carried [thither] on a french Ship, Captain Dixon who was at Goa at that time and after [he came] here, going aboard his ship for Bengal before a Council could be [summon'd] to examine him We have wrote the Purport of our Inteligence [*a few words lost*] them Letter N°. 24 to examine [*one line lost*].

[15TH] 15. We acknowledge your Honours great Kindne[ss for] your interposition with the french Company in the affair of the Amity[. . .] seiz'd by their Servants at Don Mascarine.

3R^{D} DEC^{R}., 17. 11TH FEB., 16. 16. After Consultations of the 3^{d}, 10th, 25th & 31st July 8th, 14th, 21st & [. . .] August your Honours will find enter'd an account of all goods brought ashore from the Several Ships arriv'd this Season & what more our Search[er] could find aboard to which we think it necessary to add by way of explanation ten Bales of Broad Cloth mentiond as brought ashore from Captain [Wat]son are included in the twenty found aboard & three from Captain Hutchinson in the ten on board they being sent on shore after the surveyors had searchd the ships and added to the former accounts of what brought ashore.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS FROM EUROPE.

17. The supply of Madeira by the Nassau was extreamly wellcome to us and We must beg your Honours will indulge us annually w^th^, one hundred Pipes to which We hope the sale of this will be some Inducement an Account thereof is enter'd after Consultation of the 10^th^, July the Leakage is Less than Usuall being only two Pipes out of fifty; this Wine was Survey'd on board and the Stowage reported good in Consultation 22^d^ June the Pipes Gauged [...] 3^D^. DEC^R^., par. 7. 11^TH^ FEB^RY^. par. 19.

18. We have sent all the Treasure rec^d^. this year to the Bay on the several ships in the same proportion as it came to this place having coin'd one entire half thereof agreeable to the Desire of the President & Council of Bengal to Us in their Letter N°. 35. Notwithstanding which We endeavour'd to procure more at Pondicherry for that Service but the French who have a very C[onsi]derable Number of Ships abroad this year having occasion for the Money in Bengal could spare none. 3 DEC^R^., 8.

19. We wrote your Honours last year what Dificulty we met with in Disposing of the Broad Cloth sold to Sunca Ramah & Tomby Chitty the Nov^r^. preceeding and the Method We were forc'd to take therein, When the time came for Paying for that Contract, for last Year Tomby Chitty endeavour'd to Deferr Doing it having a Considerable part of the former Years on his hand[s] but finding Us Determin'd to insist thereon he paid for the whole quantity in Eight Days from the Day it was Due only all owing a Parcell of white Cloth he had brought in to be esteem'd a Part of such Payment agreeable to a resolution taken in Council the 1^st^. May, which We were Induced to Do well knowing how much he had of the former Years on hand, and with what Dificulty it was he could raise so Large a sum in so short a time & so soon as We had sorted & paid him for the white Cloth, he Cleared the Account Broad Cloth also that this resolution to insist on immediate Payment was for the last Parcel extreamly Necessary your Honours will find by the great Difficulty [We met] with getting the Merchants to Contract for what now brought out for which they absolutely insisted in Consult^n^. 22^d^. June to be allowed three years trust and it was with very great trouble and Long arguing with them that We prevail'd at last to be paid in one year on reducing the Price from thirty five to thirty ℔ Cent on Invoice in our Consultation 3^d^. July your Honours will observe the Dificulties We had to struggle with & our reasons for this abatement. 11^th^ Feb^y^. 17.

20. The 10^th^. of that Month our Merchants Deliverd us a Peti[t]ion requesting that the Broad Cloth Indulged the Captains this year might not be sold here it being a great Prejudice to them in the sale of theirs We [co^d^.] not venture to interfere with a Privelidge your Honours had granted though We were sensible the hardships the Merchants Lye under with respect to that Commodity are already but too great We have therefore only Promis'd to recommend their Petition to your Honours.

21. As for a New Indent We call'd them before us in Consultation 25^th^, Instant in order to receive their Proposals but they told us that they have a very Large Quantity on hand & Expect a great Deal more the ensuing season, that they have wrote to several Distant Countries to enquire whether any & what Quantitys may be Dispos'd of that way and that [till] the[y] receive answers from thence they can give no Guess wh^t^, to Indent for but will Let us know time enough for our January Ships We must therefore referr your Honours thereto.

22. Whatever reason your Honours may have had to Complain of the Low price of the [. . . .] Candys of Iron sold at, [wee . . .] you will observe [that] the several [*one line lost*] Auctions have been [*one line lost*]. 18.

23. Our List of Stores worn out this year enter'd after Consultation of the 24^th^, April will appear to be of the same Nature as that Mention'd in this Paragraph by your Honours and was permitted by Us to be wrote off on being convinc'd that such Losses are inevitable. 20^th^.

24. We very gratefully acknowledge the favour Done us in allowing the ¼ Dollar in ten Pagodas as also for the Permission you are pleas'd to give us of taking as far as forty Chests of your Silver for our annual China Voy^a^, when We cannot be

otherways supply'd a favour Which We beg leave to assure your Honours shall not be abused.

22d. 25. We observe to remind our Warehouse & Storekeepers to see that no wares or stores lye to spoil & whenever there is a Demd, for any of Your Goods We put them up to Sale at outcry as your Honrs, will observe We did by the Lead & Copper which as by the Account Sales enter'd after Consultation of the 8th, May sold in a Medium the Lead at fifteen & a quarter $15\frac{1}{4}$ Pagodas and the Copper at sixty eight & a quarter $68\frac{1}{4}$ ℔ Candy.

24. 26. We have sent no Goods for several years past to St. Hellena all the Ships having taken in one ℔ Cent at Bengal so that We are at a Loss to Understand what the Govr. & Council there mean by their Complaint to your Honours as well as by their Letter to Us N°. 55, wch, came from Fort Marlbrough by the George in which they tell us they have received the Goods We furnish'd them with the Last Season.

[25th]. 27. We shall continue to Send all useless worn out arms home as your Honours Direct.

[26th]. 28. In our Consultation of the 18th, Febry, our Storekeeper Inform'd Us that on occassion of a Complaint from Pegue of the Cables sent thither for the Galley as in Letter N°. 14 he had Look'd over the Cordage and finding some of it very faulty he Desir'd a survey might be appointed whch, was Done the Report was Deliver'd in the 24th, April and We order'd a sale of such Cordage as was any ways Damaged and of several Anchors worn out the account of which is enterd after Consultation 22d. May & to prevent any further Damage We have order'd teak horses to be made to Lay the Cordage upon. The 240 Anchors remaining are mostly large & therefore not in Demand the 150 Indented for were from fifteen hundred to two hundred weight each, Those from [6e] Downwards are for the use of the Paddy Vessells, We shall send a Part of the Large ones remains, to the Bay as also such of the Cordage as We do not Dispose of the begginning of the Ensuing Season and when there is any Demand We shall take care to sell the Guns.

27th. 29. We can give no further answer to the 27th, Par:—than that We never do examine any treasure from Europe but in Presence of the Commanders of Yor. Ships or their Pursers and that our Warehousekeeper assures us he try'd the Chest with four baggs of your Silver & that it wold, not hold them & the two of Mr Bellamy's Captain Steward has carried the Chest home with him.

28ih 30. Our Surgeons tell us the Medicines are very good and agreeable to Invoice
29th all the Wares & Stores sent us this year came out according to Invoice except two
Chests of Sword blades by the Duke of Lorrain instead of two Chests of Bellows
30th. which We suppose have been sent to Bengal and have wrote thither about there is also an Error in the Invoice of silver ℔ Bedford seven Chests of Ducatoons being Invoic'd at $2\frac{1}{2}$ [Dwt], instead of $4^1/_2$ the Diference is brought to your Credit.

Captain Braund being in Want of a Cable of fifteen Inches of which Size We had none in our stores, We did on his request in Consultn. 3d. July order Captn. Winter to Deliver him one of those consign'd by the Eyles to Bengal of which we have advis'd the President & Council there & Captain Braund paid us for it here.

109 31. We shall give your Honours an Account in January whether any and what Quantity of Worstead Damasks can [be Disposed off here].

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

[3d.] Decr. 1731. par: 5 [11th] Febry. par: 31. 32. It is with Some Concern We observe your Honours ex[pect] to be this Year supply'd with the full quantity of Cloth you have order'd We have left no stone unturned nor any Method unessay'd to this Purpose as We doubt not will appear to Your Honours in the sequel of this Letter in which We shall Lay before You a true & plain account of our Proceedings and the several steps taken in order to enlarge the Investment for the returning Ships, The French have so many advantages over us in the Investment that it is not to be wonder'd at if they are able to send hom[e] a

Larger quantity of Bales than We are, they Providing no less than sixty or seventy Different sortments in our Letters Rec^{d}. this year N°. 43 your Honours will find the Prices paid by the French for their last years Investment and will be Perhaps surprisd to find them so much Lower than what paid at Fort S^{t}. David for Cloth of the same Denomination which We must explain to You by telling You that at the end of the Year, Their Merchants Deliver'd to the Governour & Council of Pondicherry an Account whereby it appeared they were Loosers by the Provision of Cloth the last year to a very Large amount & having fully prov'd the same the Gov^{r}. & Council paid them that sum which when added to the prices Mention'd in our aforesaid Letter will We believe bring them out as Dear as what paid at Fort S^{t}. David. We beg pardon for the Omission complained of in not entering the Prices paid by those Gentlemen in the 1730 & hope Your Honours will find no Cause to Complain of the Same faults now.

33. So Large a part of your Investment for the Present year will come from Ingeram that We can Venture to assure Your Honours the expence of that settlement will not run away with the gains expected on the Cloth from thence We have this Year sent Down thither besides what remaind when M^{r}. Sanderson went Down six thousand Pagodas with him, five thousand with M^{r}. Davis, & twenty thousand more by the Nassau the Last 25000 to Lye at Vizagapatam and to be forwarded as wanted to M^{r}. Sanderson and We have reason from his Letters to expect the money will be invested there which has ingaged us to Permit him to Lay out as far as four hundred Pag^{s}. in Building Godowns for the Security of the Cloth from White ants and Fire which We hope your Honours will on considering the Necessity there is for such a Security approve of, His Letter N°. 32 tells us he has a good prospect of a Large Investment & sets forth the Necessity of those Buildings N°. 40. 41. 42 came from him, the first with Invoice of one hundred Bales by the Edward Sloop & the Next telling us he Provides forty Bales ℔ Month the bales on y^{e} sloop not reaching us because the Southerly Wind was set in And his next Letter N°. 46 telling us the Rajahs & Moors were in arms, We order'd that Loading of Bales to Vizagapatam for the Greater Security, but his Last N°. 54 telling us the Moors had drove the Rajahs out of the Country those troubles are now ceased and We believe We may Depend upon his Promise of five hundred Bales which he tells us in the Same Letter the Permission We have given him to provide one thousand 1000 P^{s}. fine Long Cloth and 1000 Peices fine Salampores will enable him to get this season our reasons for this Indulgence to both the Northern Settlements are in our Consultat^{n}. of the 10th. July and as your Honours do not forbid it We thought & hope the Necessity of your affairs will be esteemed sufficient to Warrant us in it. 33^{d}.

34. The Investment at Vizagapatam is We think in the same flourishing Condition, We have sent thither Nineteen th[ou]sand Pagodas & Seventy three thousand Rupees being the full of what wrote for from thence. Their Letter N°. 44 gave us an account of the Impediments they met with to the Southward by Hadjee Hussain and the Rajahs which being now over by the Defeat of the Latter We apprehend no further stop in their affairs there.

35. When M^{r}. Davis went Down We directed him to send us up in August some of his brown Cloth because the ships which touch there from Bengal arriving here in January We are very much streightened for Want of time to get it Wash'd when the Cloth comes up brown and it is seldom ready unless for the Last ship.

36. We Wish We could give your Honours as good an acco^{t}. of the Progress made at Fort S^{t}. David, all the Cloth We have rec^{d}. from thence this year as yet being only One hundred & two bales & they have lately enter'd on Contracts with three Different sets of Merchants for one hundred twenty five Bales of white & forty Bales of Blue Colth each set on the terms mention'd in their Letter N°. 50 a very [poor] Performance if Comply'd with but Considering the Disappointments of [*one line lost*] get than Quantity from thence. We told your Honours last season our thoughts of the Cloth rec^{d}. from them just before the ships went away and what We had wrote

thither about getting an abatement in the price what more pased on that subject the Issue of which was that none could be procured will appear in their Letter N°. 24 & the Consultation inclos'd in it, which with the prices said to be paid for that Cloth is copied after it and in our Letters to them N°. 15 & 17 and theirs to us N°. 30.

37. The Contracts made at Fort S^{t}. David are at Certain Stated Prices their Merchants not caring to stand to such valuation as should be put upon the Cloth when brought in to which We acquesced on receipt of their Letter N°. 45 for the Reasons there Mentioned it would take up too much of your Honours time should We here give You the Purport of all that has been wrote to & from that place about the Investment The above is the most material & We beg leave to refer for the account to our Consultation 12th. June to the Letters Received N°. 24. 30. 34. 43. 45. 49. 50 & 51 & those sent N°. 15. 17. 26. 30. 48 & 52.

34TH 38. Your Honours will observe in our Last years Letters & Consultations the Method We then used in providing Cloth so that there needs no answer about taking in Cloth at N°. 3 till a more favourable time shall give us an opportunity of making terms with our Merch^{ts}. Cotton is grown somewhat Cheaper but as you will observe by our Consultation 20th. July We have been oblig'd to allow the same prices for what rec^{d}. as We Did the Last Year which our Merchants assure us Solemnly is the real Cost of the Cloth without Calculating servants Wages Interest or Accidents and which by comparing those prices enter'd after Consultation of the 24th. Jan^{ry}. with those at Fort S^{t}. David at the end of their Letter N°. 24 We cannot help believing is the truth.

35TH 36TH 39. The Washers Debt shall be wrote off of our Books those People being poor and working only from hand to mouth require an authority to keep them in awe greater than We believe the Merchants could exercise were they to Contract with us for white Goods and We therefore think it easier & more advantageous to your Honours to Continue the present Method and as We apprehend You Directed our Contracting in that manner only to prevent any future Debt from the Washers We assure You that We will take Care no advancements be made them but in proportion to the work they have to Do.

37TH 40. Our present Method of Paying the Merchants for the Cloth will prevent their being Loosers by the Contract and as they were well assured the Last Year that We would not Let them be sufferers by itWe think We may Possitively affirm to Your Honours that it was impossible to do more than they Did then, and that the many Hindrances which our former Letters have so often repeated to your Honours are really subsisting and not preten[d]ed in excuse, The contract then made is not yet compleated and We should not therefore have been oblig'd to make a new one this year as We Did the 10th July had it not been to get off the Thousand Bales of Broad Cloth and which had We not made a Contract would infallibly have Lain upon our Hands.

41. We wrote your Honours last Year that Sunca Ramah had refus'd engaging in a Contract then and gave for reason that unless he had the Broad Cloth w^{ch} We had Parted with to Tomby Chitty he would not engage in anything, We then knew that was only a pretence to hide his Incapacity and the Event has made it appear plainly to be so, for when We again offerd him this Year a Contract on the Same terms as now made with Tomby Chitty for One Thousand Bales and offer'd him full half the value thereof in hand, He confess'd plainly that the troubles his family were in at Arcot made it impossible for him to engage with us as by our Consultations of the 3^{d}, & 10th, July will appear, whereupon finding We had no Probability of bringing him to any terms We called him before Us the 8th, August and Insisted on his Compleating the half of his Last Contract on which according to the prices then stipulated, there still remain'd to be brought in by him twenty two Thousand Pagodas worth of Cloth that We would give him to the Last of January to bring in Cloth to that amount and if he did not Do it by that ti[me] We would Inflict the Penalty Due from him for

breach there[of] [*a few words lost*] the said Contract amounted to Sev[en] Thousand four hundred Pagodas what Effect this will have We do no[t] know but will Certainly put our resolve in Execution.

42. The next Paragraph relating to Fort S^{t}. David has been [sent] thither as well as the Preceeding and will be answer'd from thence i[n] January. 38TH

43. We have already given Your Honours an Account of what is Doing to the Northward and of the price of Cotton being somewhat Lower'd. It has not Yet influenc'd the Value of Cloth when it Doth You may Depend upon our care to get an abatement from the Merchants. 39TH 40TH

44. As We hope We shall not have a Necessity of put[ting] salt Petre on board as part of the tonnage of the ships this Year We w[ill] encourage the Captains to take as much as We can without making their Ships too Deep. 41ST

45. We have Sent a Bale of Moorees to the Bay agreeable to Your orders. 113

46. We have already told Your Honours the reason of our making a Contract this Year was in order to get off the Broad Cloth, when We came to propose it to our Merchants the terms they Offer'd surprized us extreamly and were so extravagant that We could give no ear to them but as they came Down a Little afterwards We at Last Concluded for one thousand Bales on the Terms mention'd in our Consultation of the 3^{d}. July and We hope We shall be able in January to tell Your Honours this Contract has been better comply'd wth than those of Late Years, but Least We sh^{ld}. be still Disappointed, We have turn'd our thoughts to Supply our Selves by other means, and accordingly hearing the Dutch had had some Difference with Andiapah their Merchant at Porto Novo, Your President employ'd People to sound him & finding him enclin'd to furnish us with some Cloth We have as at Large in our Consultation of the 31st. July engaged with him for some and advanc'd him four thousand Pagodas to provide it; he is a substantial man & We hope will be very Assistant to Us.

47. We have also sent M^{r}. John Graham to Maddepollam with ten Thousand Pagodas to see if any thing can be done there; He goes down at no Expence being only Allow'd his salary & Diet money and is Directed if he cannot provide Goods proper for your Honours to send y^{r}. money to Vizagapatam. If he can We Doubt not but our attempt will be approv'd, He Leaves a Perquisite Employ to go on this service and We have encouragement from a Letter enterr'd After Consultation of the 31st., July to hope that his journey will be of advantage to Y^{r}. Honours.

48. Though an Account of Presents giving-away may seem irregular under this head Yet that which We are going to Mention has so great a relation to your Investment that We think it will come in here most properly it was given to Imaum Sahib by agreement in Consultation 22^{d}, June He is Buxie to the Nabob & when the Camp Passed by Fort S^{t}. David of which We advis'd Last Season he was forgot in the Present then given, his Influence over his Master & the Prejudice it might be to our Affairs if he Continued Disgusted made us think it necessary when he was Lately at S^{t}. Thome & notyfy'd his Inclination to your President to come into Town to treat him with the Same respect & make him a present equal to what had been given to Ducknaroy some years before which was so well accepted and your President in the Visit he rec^{d}. from him engaged him so far in your Honours Interest as to procure the Perwannas which You will find Copied after Consult^{n}, 14 August which We believe will have all the Effect Desired, The Governours of the several Provinces will be awed thereby so as to give our Merchants all the assistance in their Power & this Particular advantage will [arrise] that if the Weavers have taken money from others as well as our People they will be obliged to work for us first and it will be easy by proper advances always to keep them under that Necessity.

49. Thus We have laid before your Honours a state of the Investment and our proceedings to advance it We have supply'd Ingeram & Vizagapatam with upwards of seventy three Thousand Pagodas this Year; Fort S^{t}. David We have taken all the care about that was Possible and if the Merchants there can ever be made to Do

anything for your service We have reason to expect it will be now We have given [. . . .] Merchants [all the] encouragement immaginable and [*two lines lost*] and sent one of your Servants to Maddepollam to see if We can provide any Cloth there, And Least all this should not be sufficient We have engaged Possitive orders from the Nabob to all the Countrys about to work for nobody but our Merchants: If after all this We do not meet with the Success which We have reason We hope for We are assured Your Honours will not impute such misfortune to Us nor charge us with what our Utmost endeavours have been used to avoid. It would be needless after this account to give your Honours any further assurances of our Zeal & Care in the Discharge of the Trust repos'd in us We shall therefore only add that We have now in our Godowns Three hundred and seventeen Bales Embaled at the Washers and & Beaters eighty five more On Account of the Madrass Contract.

Concerning the trade of India in General and therein any Transactions with The Country Government.

3d, Decr, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

50. We observe the reasons your Honours give for sending the Wyndham a round about ship to this place with a Cargo of Quicksilver Tutanague &ca. & When she arrives We shall Punctually obey Directions about the Supra Cargoes sitting in Council when any matters relating to her Cargo are in Debate & being present att the melting of the Gold and in order to Judge of what Goods will sell better in Bengall than here We will send for a Price Curt. from thence and what We find proper to send Down thither shall be sent. We will also endeavour to Provide a Cargo for her returning Voyage of such Goods as are most Likely to turn to Account in China all that We shall add on this Article is tht, We will endeavour to shew Your Honours that our chief study is to promote your Interest in whatever you are pleas'd to entrust to our care.

11th Febry. 42 45.

51. What We have said in the Last Head about the present to Imaum Sahib will answer these Paragraphs We were oblig'd to make another small Present of two Peices of Broad Cloth and six flasks Rose Water to the Nabob on the Death of his Wife.

47th.

52. Our share of the trade of India has been of Late so small being only four or five ships that We have not thought it worth troubling your Honours with an Account thereof, however since you seem to expect it We will give You an Account of our two Last years trade as follows. On Your Presidents arrival in 1730 the scheme of trade then advis'd you was set on foot, The Royal George then sent to Manilha and the Canton Merchant to China both lost their Passage and Did not return till the begginning of this year The Elizabeth We sent to Surat and Mocha and the Lyel to Mocha only. The following year We sent no ship to Manilha and the Richmond which went to China return'd having left most of her Cargo behind, The Elizabeth went to Surat, & the Lyel to Mocha, This year We have Sent out the Tombee Chitty for Bengal & Manilha the Elizabeth for Mallaca & Surat the Royal George to China and the Sta. Fernando to Manilha The Lyel is sold for a Siam Voyage and the Canton Merchant is Design'd for Surat in October There is a Little Brigantine gone to Acheen another for Mallacca wch. for the reasons in our Consultn. 30th. May We Permitted to call at Bencoolen and carry some Peice Goods on Condition that they should supply that settlement with salt wch. are all the Vessells of Consequence belonging to theEnglish here, We will send a price Current in January of goods Vendible here.

48.

53. We are very sorry We have given your Honours so much trouble about the Disputes We have had at the Bay with respect to the General trade between the two places, it is almost entirely broke off there being now only the Bengal Manilha ship in Partner ship between Us.

49.

54. We shall not nor indeed did We ever design to Compel any body to a Complyance with our Measures with respect to the scheme of trade formed among us those Gentlemen who at first stood out have since Join'd with the rest in fitting out

the Ships of the Last Year & this, and if the Dificulties Labour'd under in the trade of India in General should cease which while the French run on as they have of Late Done We see no likelyhood of, We Doubt not but this Unanimity will prove of General Benefit. We have taken care to prevent the carrying Long Cloth or Salampores to Manilha this ye[ar] Least your Investment should any way Suffer thereby which has been of great Detrement to that Voyage for althô We could have sent goods of those Denominations which would have been utterly unfitt for the Europe Market on account of their wanting in leng[th or breadth as] being too thin yet We would not least it should be thought [*a few words lost*] encouraging the making of such had impeeded the provision of what was better.

55. There are two Spanish Ships gone from y[s]. Coast one of which came from Manilha and Loaded back at Pondicherry the other [that] of the French and which was almost entirely Loaden there likewise but to [take] in a few Bales of Paintings here.

56. Whenever We find that any of your servants are engage[d] in the trade to Denmark We shall not fail to put your orders in executi[on] against them. 52.

57. In Answer to this Paragraph We are to tell your Hon[rs]. that the freighters of the George paid half the expence of Carrying stores a[nd] Supplies Down to her at Manaar which appearing to amount to eighteen ℔ Cent on the Cargo belonging to them We judg'd it to be a sufficient salvage. 53.

58. The Morattas coming this season into this part of the Country caused the Governing Moors to arm & among them our Nabob which oblig'd us to agree in Consult[n]. 24[th] April to advance our spys Wages if he should be necessitated to follow the Camp but that Disturbance blowing over he has not rec[d]. more than his Usual Pay.

59. We have already advis'd your Honours what We have heard of the Ostend ship which left Goa We are now to refer you to two Letters from Tellecherry N°. 37 & 38, relating to a Complaint against one M[r]. Davis for taking in Pepper at Myhie on freight which he brought to Pondicherry We were inform'd it was five hundred & eighty Candys & have advis'd the President & Council of Bengal thereof, that should they esteem the Duty to be Due on such freight pepper they may Colect it, as by our Letter N°. 22.

60. We have also had a Letter from M[r]. Braddyel & Council at Tellecherry N°. 47, requesting supplys of soldiers, which for the Reasons in our Letters sent N°. 28 & 32, We could not Let them have We have heard no more of the Progress made by Carnatick Rajah & believe he is advanced no further to the southward.

61. We have nothing more to trouble your Honours with under this Head but to referr you to the Letters received N°. 22, 23 & 25 and Letters [sent No.] for on account of a Dispute which had like to have arrisen between us and the Dutch on occasion of the Cheif of Pullicat stopping some boats of Grain bound to this Port, The Northerly Wind setting in and bringing a Considerable Number of Boats into the Road put a stop to it.

Fifthly touching the Fortifications &c[r].

62. We last year told your Honours that the Powder Mogazine was finish'd, and a Substantial Peice of Work to which We beg to referr for answer to this Paragraph only adding that in that and all other necessary buildings or Repairs care is taken to use all Possible frugality. 54. 55.

63. The Buildings at Vizagapatam having been several years without repair The Cheif & Council represented to us in their lett[r]. N°. 44. The absolute necessity of several repairs there which We Directed them to send us up an Estimate of they have accordingly Done so and the whole amounts to Eight Hundred Pagodas as ℔ Particulars in the Letter Book N°. 58 & 59. The necessity of these repairs is set

forth in their Calculate and as We are sensible of the Danger that may arise from the Want of a good Magazine for Powder and that if the terraces are not mended the expence will in time amount to a great Deal Larger sum, We have permitted these things to be Done, the Water side Godown We have also order'd to be repair'd, but for the Guard house [at] the Metta Gate We have forbid that till We are more fully apprized of the necessity of it as by our Letter N°. 57. What Building We have Permitted at Ingeram is already advis'd.

56 64. We can only repeat our Assurances to your Honours that all Comers to our
57 Port meet with full Liberty and freedom of Trade and that We keep a Watchfull eye
58. over all our Renter[s] to see that there is no cause for a Cry of Oppression an Instance of which your Honours will find in our taking the salt Licence from the Late Renter in Consult^{n}. 22^{d} May for selling it Dearer than was stipulated in his Cowle to the Poor; We relett it again the 30th, on the same terms as the former The Several Cowles at Fort S^{t} David for the Rent of the Bounds, Beettle, Tobacco, and Windmill expiring this Year & the De[p^{y}] Gov^{r}. & Council assuring us they had used all their [endeavours] to raise [the] Rent but without Effect [... | We consented to the Letting them att the old rate We are assured from thence that they keep a Watchfull Eye over all those renters as well as the Measuring farmers and We hear no Complaints which when there is occasion for can never be stifled.

60. 65. We have reduced the Serjeants & Corporals as your Honours *Direct to ten* in each Company Your Honours say there are fifteen in each Company which We are of opinion must be an Error somewhere for our stated Number is thirteen so settled in Consult^{n}. 22^{d} Sept^{r}. 1724 in Consequence of two Representations Deliver'd to the board by Major Roach the 4th and 22^{d} of that Month and recommended to your Honours in our Letter by the Sunderland that Year and We Look'd upon the 80th Par: of your Letter 1st Dec^{r}. 1725 to be an Allowance of them. The Guards here are Eleven in all and though We have in obedience to your orders reduced their Number of Serjeants & Corporals to ten We must again recommend it to your Honours to allow of the former Numbers for the Present establishment is not sufficient supposing the Men always in health which is often otherwise.

61. 66. In our Consultation of the 19th August your Honours will find a State of the Gunroom which We think cannot be further reduced There are but Sixty Eight People to do the Duty & relieve which considering the Number of Guards the quantity of Ordnance mounted the taking care of the Powder when received into the Magazines and Deliver'd out, is We think as few as Possible, as for the Lascars they are generally employ'd in screwing the Bales in the Warehouse, for which and other work of that nature We think their Number barely Sufficient.

62. 67. In our Consultation of the 20th Jan^{ry}. your Honours will observe the Accomptants report was Deliver'd in and remarks made thereon agreeable to what you tell us you expect, this Method shall be pursued in future.

64. 68. Coral still Continues a Drug whenever there is a Vent for it We will Collect the Customs on the sale should We Do so now the Customs might be 2 or 3 Years before they are Collected.

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67 69. We shall answer the Paragraph relating to the Mint by the other ships.

68. 70. We take no other money into your Cash nor Pay any out but the species We have Lately coin'd and We find but Little Difficulty in it, when your Gold from China by the Wyndham is coin'd it will make a greater Currency of that money.

69. 71. We observe to keep a supply of Grain for the Military and your other servants, Rice has been this Last Year at about six Mercal for a Pagoda We hope it will be cheaper the next season.

70. 72. M^{rs}. Higginsons Lease is renewed agreeable to your order as by the Coppy of it enter'd in the Cowle book.

73. Several of the Horses being worn out, old, or Lame, We order'd seven to be sold, and the same Number of others to be Purchas'd the Account sales and the Prices of those bought are enter'd in our Consultation 24th Aprl.

74. The 25th July the Sea Customer paid into Cash two hundred sixty nine Pagodas thirty two fanams and forty Cash for the Duty of three Rups. ℔ Candy recd. of the Supra Cargoe of the Shawlum for Pepper he bought on the Malabar Coast.

Sixthly Touching Factors, Writers. Officers, Soldiers and their Accounts.

75. To these four Paragraphs We can only answer by a repetition of the Assurances often made Your Honours that We will faithfully Discharge the trust repos'd in us and promote your Interest to the utmost of our Power, the truth of which Assurances We hope our Conduct hitherto will evince. 71. 72. 73. 74.

76. We have had no alteration in the Employs this year except that on Mr. Rous's coming to the board Mr. Morse was appointed Import Warehousekeeper & when he receives the Remains from Mr. Hyde the accot. thereof will be interchangeably signed. 76.

77. Whenever We make any Alterations We have an [Eye on] the Capacity and Integrity of the Persons promoted or removed and act with[out] Partiality in filling up of Vacancies. 77th.

78. The Alterations this Year since what advis'd your [Hons.] are as follows. Mr. George Grey sent surgeon to Fort St. David in the roo[m] of Mr. Threapland Deceas'd, Mr. Robert Allen made Sub-Accomptant he[re] in the room of Mr. John Bulkley also Deceas'd, Mr. Samuel Parkes Searcher at the Sea Gate, and Mr. Harrison under Storekeeper in the room of Mr. John Graham gone to Maddepollam.

79. Mr. Howard is arrived, Mr. Wynch was there upon sent to Fort St. David agreeable to the request of the Deputy Govr. and Council there, He hath paid the amount of his bond into Cash, both these Gentlemen are persons very agreeable to Us and We are oblig'd to your Honours for the Choice you made of them. 78.

80. No alteration has happen'd in our Military excep[ting] the Discharging several who have served their time and new enrolling many others. We have wrote to Fort St. David for a state of their Millitary and shall send what Men We have over our Complement to them the Recruits this year received Large as they are, are not near sufficient to compleat the Numbers allowed at the two Garrisons, as your Honours will Perceive by the Muster Roles in the Packet, and the state of the Garrison at Fort St. David enter'd after their Letters No. 63.

81. We shall send orders to the Subordinate Factorys for all Accounts to be transmitted Monthly to Us in order to check any expence & prevent accidents Like that of Mr. Blunts. 81.

82. We shall take care not to ommit again mentions, in our Letter any Matter of Consequence that comes before Us in Council as We acknowledge We Did in the case of Mr. Lewis Dean's Protest.

83. On Mr. Torriano's being restored to the secretarys place he quitted those of Searcher and Subbaccomptant which had been before appointed for him when he was removed from being secretary the Proffitts of all the three Employs togather mention'd by your Honours he Assures us amounted to no more than two hundred & thirty 230 Pagodas in the Year. 84.

84. Mr. Stratton was one of the sorters of Cloth in the Warehouse which being a General Employ for the Superiour Servants Did not used to be mentiond in the List, however We have now also appointed him to write in the Accomptant's office. 85.

85. The Chaplains shall be advis'd to send the Lists of Marriages, Births, & Burials better wrote. 86.

88. 86. The Transcribers and examiners of the books sent your Honours, shall set their names to them and the book of standing orders shall be kept up.

90 91 87. M[r]. Douglas is confirm'd as Surgeon of this place, [M[r].] Westons Salary shall be paid him as a junior Merchant agreeable to your order.

92 88. George Peale is an Ensign here and [Do]th not Desire to return to England the other two shall have Leave if they Desire it.

110 89. M[r]. Francis Rous's covenants come in the Packet the Names of his Securities are William Rous and Thomas Rous' Junior. M[r]. Newcomes Death in his return from Bencoolen making room for M[r]. Rous, he was called to the Board the 19[th]. August, He and M[r]. Monson have Desird us to return their thanks to your Honours for the fav[r]. conferr'd on them and to assure You of their best services in Discharge of the trust repos'd in them.

111 90. In Pursuance of the orders to send Home suc[h of the per]sons as were not under Covenants, We called upon M[r]. Hugh [. . .] 27[th] August to know whether he had Leave to stay in India [. . .] Indentures taken up in Bengal (in Pursuance of orders [. . . whe]ther as is Alledged some years ago to bring all under [Covenant . .] were then in India without them) so that We could [. . .] but he thereupon told us he had Letters from [. . .] him it was reported there that he had brought a Large Quantity of Effects belonging to his Brother clandestinly to this place, and Desired us to make an enquiry into it, to which he was answer'd that matters of such moment must come before the Board by way of Petition and that [then] We should consider of it accordingly the Council meeting again the next Day He Deliver'd us a Petition as there enter'd and in Complyance therewith was interrogated and his Disposition is copied after Consultation [*lacuna*].

[...] Dec[r]. Par: 91. M[r]. Nathan Wright is arrived here and M[r]. Miles Barne coming to this Port has enterr'd into Covenants agreeable to your orders by the Craggs.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

93 112 92. By the account of the Bills of exchange under Mentiond your Honours will find We have granted Bills agreeable to your Directions and the Remitters on account of Coral take certificates of their making Oath in the manner Prescribed.

93. We Last year advis'd your Honours the amount of the Salvage due to Contoo the Cassimbazar Broker it was paid into Cash the 27[th] March and We have given Bengal Presidency credit for it.

94. In our Consultation 25[th] July your Honours will observe a report of our Accomptants relating to the rate of Exchange between this Presidency and Bengal which We recommend to your Honours consideration the Cheif Matter in Dispute is that for all Wares and Stores sent us they Charge us at the rate of three hundred & fifty 350 rup[s]. current for one hundred 100 Pagodas and yet when We send Madrass Rupees Down thither on which there is a batty of ten ℔ Cent they give us Credit for no more than as if they were Current which makes a gain of ten ℔ Cent there which ought to be here since it is the produce of Silver consign'd to this place the Report makes this matter very plain and We shall therefore beg leave to referr to it.

115 95. The same Day agreeable to your Honours orders We Directed the Storekeeper to bring his accounts in to the Method prescribed by the Auditor of your accounts, but he Deliver'd us in Consultation 8[th] Aug[t]. a representation setting forth the impossibillity of it and proposing to answer the end We judge your Honours Design by this new Method viz[t]. the seeing at one view what Part of the stores is Issued for your Service and what sold and the Proffit gain'd by sale. We have Directed him to keep his Books so as shall answer that end. In January you will have the Books and We shall wait your orders thereupon.

96. We have Drawn the following Bills on your Hon[rs]. at the Usual rate & time such of them as are for Coral are Manifested in the Manner the Diamonds used to be.

1, 2, 3. To John Turner or order	£ 2400 — —		P 6000 — —		Dated 17th, August
1, 2, 3. To John Emerson or order	382: 16: 8½		957: 3: 20		
1. 2, 3. To Philip Mendez Da Costa or order	2119: 11: 4		5298: 33 —		
1, 2, 3. To Abraham & Jacob Franco or order	423: 2: 2½		1057: 28 —		
1, 2, 3. To Ditto.	668: 9: 4		1672: 15 —		
1, 2, 3. To Ditto.	139: 12: 8		349: 3 —		
1, 2, 3. To Gabriel Lopez Peirheiro or order	528: 1: 4		1320: 6 —		
1, 2, 3. To David Gomez Serra or order	523: 4: ½		1308: — 16		
Value of these Eight Setts of M[r]. Nathaniel Turner.					
1, 2, 3. To Tho[s]. Godfrey or order.	770: 19: 2½		1927: 14: 33		[. . .] August
1, 2, 3. To Isaac Salvadore or order	379: 11: 2½		948: 32: 32		
1, 2, 3. Tom Jacob Dias or order...	167: 4: 9¾		418: 3: 56		
1, 2, 3. To Jacob Mendez Da Costa or order	157: 12: ¼		394: — 7		
1, 2, 3. To D°.	353: 11: 8¾		883: 34: 61		
1, 2, 3. To Jacob Da Costa or order	601: 19: 1		1504: 31: 68		
[1, 2, 3. To Cap]t[n]. Richard Bolton Senior or order	1679: 12: —		4199 — —		
[. . .] Of these Seven Setts the Second is					
[. . .] of George Morton Pitt Esq[r].					
[. . .] M[r]. Nathaniel Turner.					
[. . .] fifth of G.M. Pitt Esq[r].					
[*one line lost*]					
1, 2, 3. Dated the 25th Aug[t]. Payable to Edward Harrison and Richard Benyon Esq[r]. value of Capt[n]. John Powney Acco[t], the Estate of Richard Cartwright Dec[d]	£ 347	7 2½	P. 868: 14: 42		Dated 29th August
1, 2, 3. To M[rs]. Henrietta Arabin Champars or order value of Mess[rs]. Nathaniel Turner and Geo: Torriano Account the Estate of Andrew Pechier	2000 — —		5000 — —		
1, 2, 3. To M[r]. Daniel Morse or order value of M[r]. Nicolas Morse on Account the Estate of Mathew Hairsteens Deceas'd ...	81: 4 —		203 — —		
	£ 13724:	8 10½	P. 34311:	4: 15	

EIG[HT]HLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

97. We have advis'd the arrival of the George at Last from Fort Marlbrough but the Books and Papers arrived here so. very lately that it has not been in our Power to make a thorough examination of them since to send by these Ships so We must Defer that till the January ships and consequently our Answer to that part of Your Letter which relates to that coast, We shall only now beg your Honours excuse

for having Comply'd with the Certificate granted in favour of Mr. Oliver Steward which We were induced to Do as by our Consultation of the 19th August in Consideration of the great Detriment it would be to Mr, Steward if We protested it, that the Sum is not very Large, and that We shall so soon have an opportunity of Effectually putting a stop to the repeating this practice.

98. The Register of Diamonds amounts to six thousand Eight hundred Ninety one Pagodas Eighteen fanams by the Duke of Cumberland and on the Derby to Eleven hundred Ninety five Pagodas. Captn. Braund has Regist[erd] to the Amount of four hundred & twenty Pagodas, Captn. Anselme as far as six hundred seventy seven Pagodas, We wish these ships safe home to your Honrs. & are

HONOURABLE
Your Faithfull Humble Servants
[No Signatures.]

FORT St. GEORGE
28th AUGst 1732.

Since Writing the above We have Drawn another set of Bills of Exchs. Dated 29th Augst 1732, payable to Judah Supino & Son Value of Mr. Samuel Hyde for £ 601 : 13 : 8½ for P. [1]504 : 7 : 55

LIST OF THE HON'BLE COMPANYS PACKET ℔ DUKE OF CUMBERLD,

1. General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated 28th Augst 1732.
2. Triplicate of the Letter ℔ George & Drake. Dated 10th February.
3. Copy of the Letter to St. Hellena ℔ Derby.
4. Consultations of the 28th August in Fort St. George.
5. List of Revenues Ditto.
6. Cash Account for August.
7. List of Covenanted Servants.
8. List of Inhabitants.
9. Register of Bills of Exchange ℔ Derby & Duke of Cumberland.
10. Captain Braunds Register of Goods.
11. Muster Roll of 1st Company Fort Soldiers.
12. Ditto 2 Do.
13. Ditto Peons.
14. Five Rec[e]its for Head Money.
15. Mr. Rous's Covenants.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET BY SHIP DUKE OF CUMBERLAND.

No. 1. Fort St. George Journall Letter E E Commss. May 1730 Ends. April 1731.
2. Do. Leidger to the Same.
3. Consultations and Diarys Commss. 3d. January 1731/2 ends. 28 Augt. 1732.
4. Letters Received Anno 1732, from No. 1 to No. 64.
5. Letters Sent—Anno 1732 from No. 1 to No. 60.
6. Cash Accounts Anno 1732 from Febry to July Inclusive.
7. Book of Cowles &c Anno 1732.
8. Account of Ships Arrival & Departure Commss, 1st Jany. 1731/2 ending 28th. August 1732.
9. Abstracts of the Sea Customers Accounts Anno 1732 from January to July Inclusive.

29th AUGUST 1732.

LIST OF THE HON'BLE COMPANYS PACKET ℔ SHIP DERBY.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors dated 28th August 1732.
2. Packet from the President & Council of Fort William.
3. Copy of Letter to St. Hellena.
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FORT St. GEORGE
29th AUGt. 1732.

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CHRISTOPHER MOLE ESQ., DATED AUGUST 28, 1732.

[*Public Despatches to England, vol 9, p. 15*].

To Mr. CHRISTOPHER MOLE

Sir,

Inclos'd I send You the rece[i]pts for the Packet Se[nt] on these two Ships, and am order'd by the Hoñble President & Council to advise that We have just got Inteligence that a Sixth Ship is arriv'd at Pondicherry from France. Three are gone for Bengal & it is said two more are to follow the other will winter at Merguy, what We have been able as yet to Learn of their Imports are one hundred Eighty two Cags of Silver One hundred Bales of Broad Cloth & twenty three Chests of Coral besides Liquors Medicines &ca, what more treasure or Wares came by the three Last Ships We are not Yet able to get an Account of. I am

Sir
Your most Humble Servant
GEORGE TORRIANO
SECRY.

FORT St. GEORGE.
AUGt. 28th 1732.

LETTER FROM G. M. PITT AND OTHERS TO S^{T}. HELENA, DATED AUGUST 28, 1732.

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 9, p. 15*].

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ISAAC PYKE ESQ^{R}.
GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF S^{T} HELENA.

GENTLEMEN,

We Received a Short Letter dated 1st. April 1730 a few days Since from Your Place, advising You had received the things we Sent You, which we don't know what to make of for we know of nothing that we Sent, but we were more Surprized at a Paragraph in the Letter from our Houble Masters which told us You complain'd we omitted to inclose Invoices of what Goods we Sent You which is very odd, when if You look over our letters You will find We told You the Reason we sent You no Goods was because the Gentlemen in Bengal had done it. We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
AUGUST 28TH. 1732.

GENTLEMEN,
Your very humble Serv^{ts}
G. M. PITT &C^{a}.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 13, 1733. [*Public Despatches to England, vol. 9, pp. 17–24*].

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES

HONOURABLE

1. The Duke of Cumberland an[d] Derby sail'd o[ut] of this Road the 31st, of August and Carry'd our Addresses to you[r] Honours, Dated the 28th. of that Month, At which time We answer[d] the Letters We had received from You and added an Account of every thing, of moment that had occurred here in our Management of your Affairs, whatever has since happen'd, Your Honours will have an Account of in the following sheets under the Usual Heads Viz^{t}.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2^{d}. The Duke of Lorrain Capt^{n}. Wilson and the Bedford Captain Wells, will go freight Voyages from Bengal, the former to Surat and the other to Judda, The Aislabie Frances and Eyles (the two former of which We now Dispatch) arrived here from Bengal the 25th. December, and the Walpole the 1st. January The Comp[ton] left Mallacca the 19th. of November, in her way from China to Bombay and the Wyndham We are advised will be here the Latter end of February, The Marlbrough Arrived at Bombay the 10th and the Greenwich the 16th. September, the Prince of Orange was to be Dispatch'd the Latt[er] end of December, and the Nassau and Grantham Some time in Jan[^{ry}] from Bengall.

3. We should have been able to have sent the Walpole in Company with these two Ships, had not the unexpected Southerly Winds for some Days past prevented the Arrival of the bales from Ingeram.

4. The 16th. Nov^{r}. We received Advise from Captain Canaway of his Arrival in the Madrass Galley at Metchlepatam and immediately Dispatch'd orders to him to go to Maddapollam to bring up the Cloth M^{r}. Graham is Providing there. The George We hourly expect from Vizagapatam.

5. We have had no advise of the Arrival of the Second Ship at Tranquebar that We mentioned to Your Honours in our former Saild in December for Denmark.

6. Of the two Ostend Ships Permitted to come out one is in Bengal and the other in China, there is also in China a Sweeds Ship two Dutch and one French Ship, One French and one Dutch Ship were not Arrived when the Compton Sail'd from thence.

7. After General Letter N°. 72. is an Acco^{t}. of the Cargoes, of two French Ships, among other Goods, one of them has four hundred Bales of Peice Goods containing no Less than fifty three Sortments the other Carries seven hundred & fifty Bales, Such a Number of kinds will Certainly make it more practicable for them to Provide quantities of Cloth than for us however We flatter our selves our success this year will be agreeable to Your Honours since We shall send all your Ships, with thei[r . . .] without being [*a few words lost*] to put any Salt petre [*one line lost*].

8. We have received from Bengal a price Curr^{t}, of China Goods agreeable to our request to the President & Council there in our Letter of the 8th. September whatever Goods the Wyndham brings which will turn to a better Account there than with us shall be sent Down, We also wrote by the Canton Merchant To Tellecherry for Pepper but by their Letter N°. 93, We are told they can get us none this Disappointment however is not so great as We at first apprehended since by our advices from China, arrived here the 3^{d}. Instant it sells there for no more than six tales And the ship will be so late at this Port that she could not have Proceeded to the other Coast for it, on the first notice from those Gentlemen We agreed in Council to endeavour to Procure Some at Tutacorin what Success we Shall have We are as yet unable to acquaint your Honours.

9. The President & Council of Bombay advise us in their Letter N°. 91, that a ship Imported there in Company with the Greenwich carrying the King of Portugals Commission, with a Cargo from Lisbon Consisting of Cloth, Elephants teeth Lead Iron and Cotchineal.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

10. We gave your Honours in our Last but Little hopes of any Demand for Woolen manufacture this Season, Tomby Chittee was before us on this Subject the 8th Instant but will not engage for any, his Warehouses are full and the thousand Bales next Year Expected is so great an Addition to the stock already on hand that We cannot prevail with him to give us a List this Year. We are Sensible your Honours may very justly ask us since this is the care why our Demand was so Large that in two years time it should Put a Total stop to the making any Demand at all to which We answer that in these two years there have been very great Revolutions in the Country round about us the Nabobs of Cundanour and Caddapa are both Dead, And those parts are still in Confusion the Governm^{t}. not being Yet settled from Court especially the Latter where Abdul Nabby Cawns Brothers have been at war about the Succession this hath Prevented any Merchant from those parts coming to buy for while the Governm^{t}, continues in this unsettled state every man's will is a Law, and there can be no security for the Merchant, The [R]ajah of Tandour died about two years since and the Present is not yet Confirm'd from Court, Those of Trichenopoly & Mysaour are both Dead also and their Countries in great trouble and the same causes have produced the same Effects there as in the two Subahships, Our own Province is not in Confusion but the Long sickness of the old Nabob and the apprehensions of the Mischief[f]s that might ensue upon his Death put as total a stop a trade for some months as the real Confusion of the other Parts, to these We must add that the Morattas having entered these Parts the Last year and Plundred the Country about Vengalour, has been a great Detriment to the Sale of the Woolen Goods nor is it to be Doubted, but all other trade and the Investment Likewise has been greatly impeeded thereby. It is said Chicklice Cawn is coming to these Parts to settle these six Governments if he Doth We may hope for a Considerable sale of the woolen Goods.

11. The Worstead Damasks are not Liked the Moors say the[y] are as Cours as Perpetuanoes, and Do not value them for being flower'd.

12. The 22d. September Messrs. Hyde & Morse interchangeably signed the account Remains in the Import Warehouse and the Latter afterwards telling us he was offered seventy Five Pagodas ℔ Candy for Copper in small Quantitys We Directed him to Sell it at that Rate.

13. After Consultation of the 2d. October is entered Copy of the Coopers Gauge of thirty two pipes of the Madera Wine this year received being all remaining in the place they Gauged from 108 to 115.

14. We propose to Sell of the Remains of the Lead [when] the Boats are Arrived from the Northward that being a proper time for [*a few words lost*] it will not be at a great Price because [*one line lost*].

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENT.

15. Having been so full under this Head in our [letter] by the August Ships, will make us the Shorter Now, We are promised [from] Vizagapatam for this Investment in all Eight Hundred Bales, fro[m] Ingeram six and Mr. Graham will Send us about one hundred Ba[les] & would more but that he has not been able yet to get People enough in [so] short time he has been there to wash & beat it. Those three Places promi[se] us the next Year at Least two thousand Bales Our own Cloth comes in[toler]ably fast, and the Fort St. David Merchants have brought in by the Last advice from the Deputy Governour & Council three hundred & forty eight [Bales] and in their Letter N°. 77, they tell us their Merchants promise to Compleat their Contracts, Andiapa has sent us from Porto Novo thirty four Bales and to Fort St. David one hundred and sixty three besides what he is washing at Porto Novo, The Northern settlements have been supply'd [since] our Last advices to your Honours with twenty two thousand five hundred & sixty Pagodas, and We are now Sending forty two thousand Rupees more besides twenty five thousand Pagodas will be ready to send thither in [a] few Days, to Fort St. David We have sent twenty thousand Pagodas and Andiapa has had ten thousand more The Cloth from him is Distinguished in the Invoice by a Different Mark and We flatter our selves will be thou[ght] in these Difficult times to be fully worth the Price We Pay for it.

16. In Consultation of the 23d. of October We agreed to Pay the same prices for the Cloth Provided on the New Contract that We Did the Last year upon the most solemn assurances from our Merchant that it cost him the same in the Country and Least We should give a Check to the Promising Prospect We have of improveing the Investment both in Quantity & Price. Letter N°. 77, Mr. Davis writes us that he has been oblig'd to raise the Price of Cloth and there sets Down the Prices paid by the Dutch for Salampores at Bimlepatam and Says the Dearness of Cotton & Grain are the Causes of it but he has not told us how much he has advanced.

17. In Paragraph 39 of our Letter by the Early Ships We told Your Honours We thought it better to Continue the Present Method With the Washers than to Contract with the Merchants for white Cloth but We forgot to tell You what that Method was, We have for some time past ordered the Merchants to Pay the Washers and bring [the] Charge of Washing to account with the price of the Cloth but the Merchts, cannot engage for white Cloth for if the Washers know that We have nothe, more to Do with the Washing the Merchants will not be able to keep them in awe but while they think themselves accountable for their behaviour to us, they will be carefull what they Do. there Debt is wrote off.

18. We send Your Honours by these Ships some of Mr. Davis's Cloth & some from Ingeram for which We have allowed the same price as Last Year which We think is far from being extravagant and the Cloth is very good.

19. Amongst Andiapahs Cloth are t[wo] Bales a small matter Short & one narrower than Their Musters which Your Honours will find Distinguish'd in the Invoice but the Goodness of the Cloth engaged us to take it in.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

20. We advised in our Last that We had wrote to Bengal about the french Ship which supply'd the Ostender at Goa, but the Presid^{t}. and Council there have given us no answer to that Article.

21. The 2^{d}. of October We received advise from Arcot of the Death of our Nabob, One of his Nephews named Doost Ally Cawn succeeds him in the Subahship, and an Adopted Son Named Goulam Hussain Cawn is appointed Duan by Chicklice Cawn, The Expresses from Court to Arcot have been frequent [*a few words lost*] that this appointment will be confirmd from thence that We have judged it necessary to make a Present which We agreed upon in Consultation 8th. Instant and will be given very shortly, in order to engage his Friend Ship to Us.

22. We have under the Head of Goods from Europe advised the Deaths of the Subahs of Cuddapa Condanour Carnata and of the tributary Kings of Tangher, Trichinopoli, and Mysour and of the Expectation the People here are in of Chicklice Cawns coming this way to this We have nothing to add except that Soon after the Departure of the two Ships We rec^{d}, a Letter from M^{r}. John Sanderson at Ingeram inclosing one from the Nabob of Rajahmundrum about a Cause Determin'd in our Court between Abdul Rezack and Shack Farazula two Arab Merchants who came here on the Betty from Gombroon the Cause was heard in our Mayors Court and upon the Latter's Producing a Bond under AbDul Razacks hand to be jointly & Separately answerable for the Debts of himself & four more Persons who borrowed money at that time of Farazula the Court Determin'd the Cause in his favour, the Arab appeal'd to the Court of Appeals hereupon We saw no cause to alter the Decree, It is true Razack pretended the Bond was Cancelled but as no Proof thereof appeared We could give no Credit thereto Execution was granted and the Effects sold to Pay Farazula, I[t] happend During the Course of this Process Abdul Rezack was put in Prison for want of Bail which he it seems Resents in the highest Degree being a sahid, he went from hence afterwards to Porto Novo and made his Complaint but our Interest with the Nabob prevented any ill Effects from it finding his Endeavours there to no Purpose he has apply'd to Hodjee Hussain Nabob of Rajahmundrum Country a Person remarkable for his Covetous[n]ess who has very eagerly espoused his Cause and Demands Payment from M^{r}. Sanderson of all the Damages AbDul Razacks pretends to have sustained to have endeavour'd to Convince him of the ill Consequences of hearing causes over again which have been Determined in another judicature but are afraid all our remonst[r]ances will be inefectual with Such a Man where there is a View of Proffit. M^{r}. Sandersons Letters to Us about this troublesome business are N°. 69, 78, 85 and 90 from which and the Letters entered after Consultations 25th September and 9th December Your Honours will see all that is urged on each side had this cause as formerly has been Practised been Determined by the Heads of their Cast they would have given Certificates of the justness of the Decission which would have prevented all this trouble but as We had no power to oblige them to this & that one of them was refractory and would not Submit to an Arbritation the Necessary and Usual Process of the Mayors Court has involved us in it & We are apprehensive that People are in wait to know the Success of this attempt that they may make it a Preceedent.

23. In Letter N°. 91, We have an Account from the President & Council of Bombay of their having been involved in troubles at Surat but that they are hapily over the English & Dutch having exerted themselves with Vigour and in concert with a body of the merchants there Drove out Sorab Cawn who maintain'd himself in the Government against the Royal Authority and was attempting to get money from the Europeans as he had already from some of the merchants.

24. From Tellecherry N°. 93 the Chief & Factors write us a Meloncholly Account of the apprehensions they are under from the approach of the Carnatick Army and want of forces to withstand them if attacked, We hope their fears are Groundless, but it was not in our Power to Assist them.

25. From China We have advice of the Death of Mr. Arbuthnott off[r] of Macao and that Suqua is put in Prison for having been Concerned with the Hoppo (who is also Close Prisoner) but We are glad to tell Your Honours the Supra Cargoes of your Ships have not been at all Concerned with him so that is no impediment to Your Bussiness.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS & REVENUES.

26. After Building the Windmill at Fort S[t]. David a Violent fresh Coming Down before it was well setled occasiond a Considerable Damage which was repaired by Sadashavoraw the Renter [. . .] & Secured agains[t] the Like Accident in future, but he not Delivering in the Account of the Charge till M[r]. Newcome was g[one to] the West Coast it was never paid in expectation of his return to [exam]ine the Account but on news of his Death Sadashavarow De[livered] in the Account and Demanded the Payment amounting to two [hun]dred & sixteen Pagodas twelve fanams and Seventy nine Cash 216 [: 12 : 79] which We were oblig'd to allow and have Accordingly ordered it to be [paid].

27. There having been an order made in M[r]. M[. . .] time for Laying out five hundred Pagodas on some alterations at [the] Garden house among which another room was highly necessary it was ordered to be built soon after your Presidents coming to the Chair [and] it was not till after a good Progress was made in the Building the Said Room that We found five hundred Pagodas so ordered to be la[id] out had been expended in altering the Cookrooms Godowns and other offices and that so much more necessary work Let alone had We kno[wn] it sooner however usefull such addition was We would not have presumed to set about it till We had Laid before your Honours the Pla[n] of it and the Necessity We apprehended there was for it for your approbation & Direction, We beg Pardon for our Neglect in this affair but a[s] the Charge amounts to only about 500 Pagodas and that there is a General frugality observed in all our other management We hope We Shall be excussed in this one instance.

28. The rains this Season were so Violent that th[e] Roads all round us were impassable which oblig'd us to order them to be repaired as the season advances they will be compleated.

29. And after Consultation of the eighth Instant is a report of the Repairs necessary to all the fortifications & Buildings amounting to three thousand two hundred forty three Pagodas and eight fanams which must be most of them immediately set about to prevent a further & Larger Expence there was a survey & Calculate made in the Year 1727 & referred to Your Honours of the Repairs then necessary amounting to Pag[s]. 916 : 16 : 40 but as nothing was then Done in Consequence there of the Expence is Swelled to this amount We have ordered the most absolutely necessary to be first set about & beg Your Honours will be assur'd nothing shall be Laid out but with the greatest frugality.

30. Another Committee Delivered a report of repairs necessary to be made to the shops now rented at 320 Pagodas ℔ annum amounting by one Calculate to one hundred eighty one Pagodas nine fanams by another to three hundred forty eight Pagodas We Preferred the Latter because the Renter will in Consideration of the Alterations Propos'd by that Calculate advance his rent ninety Pagodas ℔ annum.

31. We have Drawn up a scheme of the advantages and Disadvantages that will accrue to Your Honours by Laying on the Prohibition of Silver in obedience to Your orders in which We have We think allowed everything it's Due weight and We referr to our Consultation of the 8[th] Instant where the said Calculation is entered at Large and shall expect Your Honours Ultimate Resolution thereupon.

32. We have only to add to what already said in that Consultation that the vast increase of Coinage in the Year from 1728 to 1729 was from the Bussero & Mocha Ships who Did not know of the Prohibition and who the next Year had Possitive

orders not to call here on account thereof and the Bengal Manilha ship Did actualy Land her treasure at Pondicherry so that We have good reason to believe that excepting our own ships all others would Stop at the several Ports on the Coast not only to the Detriment of the Customs but to the reputation of the place.

33. We have only to add under this head but that We have relet the Arrack Cowle at the same rate for five Years to Rama Chundra & Sandiapah it expired the 5th December Last Poncala Kistna who has so long rented that and the Beetle Farm Died about three Months ago.

SIXTHLY FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

[34.] No alteration has happened since our Last among Your Covenanted Servants Mr. David Murray our Gunner Died the 22d October in whose room We have appointed Mr. John Goulding a sober Capable man well qualify'd for that employ.

35. Lieutenant Ogden a Capable Sober and Delegent Officer and whom We are therefore very sorry to part with has been oblig'd to Desire our Permission to return to Europe on Account of his health the same We must say of Ensign Kennedy who has Desired Leave to return to Europe by these ships, The Company Vacant by Mr. Ogdens going is given to Mr. Eckman who has been a supernumerary Lieutenant ever since the reducing of the Companys and We shall give an Ensigns Commission to Mr. Amyand.

36. We have nothing more to add under this head but that Several of the Fort St. David Garison who had served their times out have new Listed Since our Last advises to your Honours but Still the Garison Continues in the weak Condition We then advised.

37. We have received a Complaint from Bencoolen that Mr. Pyke has stop'd seven of the soldiers sent out for the West Coast which We request Your Honours will forbid him to Do for the future no pleas of necessity can hold good for so Doing for if these People were handichrafts men there is a greater Necessity at Bencoolen than St. Hellena for them and if the Garison be weak it is so much easier for the Island to be supply'd than the West Coast that it is highly unreasonable to Deprive so unhealthy a place of so Considerable a reinforcemt.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

38. Your Honours will find after Consultation of the 2d January the Accomptants report of the state of the Expences & Revenues of the Coast and in that Consultation our remarks thereon The Encrease at Fort St. George proceeds as there observed chiefly from their being only six Months Salary charged in the former Books and eighteen months in these That at Fort St. David is chiefly in the Article of Presents occasion'd by the Nabob Passing at the edge of their bounds. The Vizagapatam expence encreases in almost all its articles for which We cannot give any better reason tha[n] our Suppossition that the encrease in the Investment causes an Encrease of Charges.

39. All the Revenues this Year are encreased the Sea Customs in a very great Degree the Causes of which are Laid Down in our aforesaid Consultation.

40. It is with pleasure We send Your Honours our Cash accounts this Year whereby You will find We have reduced that Prodigious Cash You have so often Complain'd of, to ten thousand Pagodas our supply from the Undermentiond Bills Your Honours will observe by our Consultation of 8th. Instant came very opportunely to enable us to Coin twenty five thousand Pagodas for the Northern Settlements for which We must otherwise have taken money at Interest, which We believe We shall be Oblig'd Yet to do for our own Investment before We can be supply'd from Europe or China Since We have so fair a Prospect of success in that Article.

The Bills of Exchange are as follows—

				£	S	D	P	F	C
1st.	2d.	3d.	Dated 1st. Instant to Jacob Dias or order—value of George Torriano	7:	10:	11	18:	31:	8
1.	2.	3.	To Abraham and Jacob Franco order	208:	5:	7½	520:	25:	25
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	52:	6:	11	130:	31:	18
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	296:	5:	—	740:	22:	46
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	232:	15:	6	581:	33:	70
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	534:	17:	6	1337:	6:	69
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	69:	10:	9	173:	30:	38
1.	2.	3.	To Eleonar Cooke and Abraham & Jacob Franco or order ...	734:	—:	8	1835:	2:	73
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	291:	—:	10½	727:	22:	—
1.	2.	3.	To Abraham & Jacob franco & Paul Darinda or ordr ...	887:	8:	9½	2218:	21:	52
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	255:	17:	3¼	639:	23:	69
1.	2.	3.	To Judah Supino & Son or order	70:	2:	1	175:	9:	21
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	31:	11:	7½	78:	34:	31
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	584:	—:	8	1460:	3:	—
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	217:	19:	—	544:	31:	30
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	360:	16:	1½	902:	—:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	98:	10:	4½	246:	10:	[...]
1.	2	3.	To Robert Norman order ...	531:	17:	2	1329:	2	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	144:	14:	10	361:	3	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	343:	18:	—	859:	2	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	285:	12:	5	714:	2:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Salaman Da Castro order ...	171:	10:	8½	428:	30:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Edward Jasper Esqr. or order.	526:	14:	11	1316:	31:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Isaac Salvadore or order ...	2145:	14:	3½	5364:	10:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Abraham Dafonseca or order.	263:	17:	7	672:	7:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Gabriel Lopez Pinheiro or order	702:	7:	3	1755:	32:	[...]
			These twenty five Setts Dated 3d. Instant and all value of Nathaniel Turner—						
1.	2.	3.	To Isaac Salvadore or order ...	371:	4:	11¼	928:	4:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto ...	918:	13:	½	2296:	22:	[...]
1.	2.	3.	To James Porten Esqr. or order.	1186:	12:	11¾	2966:	22:	3[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Do.	553:	8:	8½	1383:	21:	1[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Abraham & Jacob Franco or order	463:	12:	5	1159:	1:	6[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Jacob Mendez Da Costa or order	598:	8:	9	1496:	3:	2[...]
			These six setts Dated 5th. Instant value of George Morton Pitt Esqr.						
1.	2.	3.	To Charles Van Notton or order.	378:	16:	5½	947:	2	9[...]
1.	2.	3.	To Jacob Dias or order ...	139:	15:	7½	349:	16:	3[...]
			These two setts Dated 6th. Instant value of George Torriano.						
			34 Setts in return for Coral amountins. to.	£ 14664:	19:	9½	36662:	18:	4[...]

			£	S	D	P	F	C
1.	2.	3. To Judith Twaites or order value of George Torriano Acco^{t}. the Estate of Cap^{t}. Jo: Twaites	303:	3:	7	757:	34:	21
1.	2.	3. To Abraham and Jacob franco or order value of George Torriano account the Estate of Mr. Robert Grey	13:	1:	4½	32:	24:	12
		These two Setts Dated 6th Instant.						
1.	2.	3 To Edward Harrison and Richard Benyon Esq^{r}. or order Dated 7th. Ins^{t}, value of John Powney ...	400:	—:	—	1000:	—:	—
1.	2.	3. Dated 6th. Instant to Edward Athawes or order value of William Johnson acco^{t}. the Estate of Richard Gilman ...	671:	2:	2	1677:	27:	74
1.	2.	3. Dated 8th, To John Leeke or order value of George Torriano acco^{t}. the Estate of the Rev^{d}. W^{m}. Leeke	14:	7:	4	35:	33:	—
		Dated 9th—						
1.	2.	3. To William Jennings Esq^{r}. or order	1027:	10:	9¾	2568:	30:	52
1.	2.	3. To M^{rs}. Elizabeth Higginson or order	668:	9:	2½	1671:	5:	35
1.	2.	3. To Gilbert Afflick or order ...	126:	17:	3	317:	5:	35
1.	2.	3. To M^{rs}. Elizabeth Orril or order.	100:	—:	—	250:	—:	—
1.	2.	3. To Jacob Fernandez Nunez & David Gomes Perria or order.	1120:	19:	4	2802:	15:	7 [...]
1.	2.	3. To Jacob Fernandez Nunes or order	73:	6:	4	183:	10:	4 [...]
		These three Setts value of Charles Peers.						
		Dated 12th—						
1.	2.	3. To M^{rs}. Henrietta Arabin Champars or order value of Nathaniel Turner & George Torriano	921:	9:	6¾	2303:	25:	—
1.	2.	3. To Daniel Morse or order value of Nicolas Morse & Charles Peers	60:	—:	—	150:	—.	—
			£ 20175:	6:	8¾	50513:	14:	23

41. Such Bills as are for Diamonds are incerted in a Register sent in the Packet.

SUPPLEMENT.

Since writing the above We have received advices from Arcot that the Phirmaund is come Down from Court Confirming Doost Ally Cawn in the subahship of this Country so We are in no apprehension of any Disturbances about us.

We have Drawn another Set of Bills of Exchange Dated the 12th. Payable to M^{r}: Daniel Morse for £ [S] 60 or Pagodas 150 value of Nicolas Morse & Charles Peers.

We have Indented for no Iron having sufficient in store for the supply of the Town and the great Quantity of Lead expected from China makes our Demand for that Commodity so small.

There is Registred one Bulse of Diamonds on the Aislabie amounting to [. . .] hundred forty nine [Pagodas] twenty two fanams Captn. Birch's Register is Ps. [*lacuna*] Captn. Studholms P. 3083 & Rs. 9000 The Invoice of the Aislabie Amots, to 27240 Rs. that by the Frances to [*lacuna*].

We wish these Ships safe home to Your Honrs, And are

HONOURABLE
Your faithfull Humble Servts.

FORT Sr. GEORGE
JANRY. 13TH. 1732/3.

GEORGE MORTON PITT
JOHN ROACH
JAMES HUBBARD
SAMUEL HYDE
AUGUSTUS BURTON
NICOLAS MORSE
FRANCIS ROUS.

LIST OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANYS PACKET ℔ SHIP AISLABIE.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated 13th. Janry, 1732/3.
2. Triplicate of what Sent ℔ ships Duke of Cumberland & Derby 28 Augt, 1732.
3. Copy of the Letter to St. Hellena.
4. Invoice of Ship Aislabie amounts. to Pags. [*lacuna*]
5. Invoice of Ship Frances amounts. to Pags. [*lacuna*]
6. Bill of Lading ship Aislabie.
7. Ship Frances.
8. Muster roll of Men.
9. List of Warlike stores.
10. Register of private trade.
11. Calculate of the Tonnage.
12. Copy of the Dispatch.
13. List of Bills of Exchange in return for Coral.
14. Indent for Medicines.
15. Lists of Births Marriages & Burials.
16. List of Farms & Revenues.
17. Muster Roll 1st. Company.
18. D°. 2 Company.
19. D°. Peons.
20. D°. Gunroom Crew.
21. Accot. Currt. Ship George.
22. Do. Brigt. Fort St. George Als. Madrass Galley.
23. Price Current.
24. Account Packing Stuff used on the Bales.
25. Account remains in the Import Warehouse.
26. List of Demands D°.
Account Remains in the Storehouse.
27. Indent for Stores.
28. Abstract of what Sent to & Recd. from the Bay.

29. Fort S^{t}. David Papers.
30. A General Letter from Fort S^{t}. David.

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S PACKET ℔ SHIP FRANCES.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated 13th Jan^{ry}. 1732/3.
2. Triplicate of what Sent ℔ Ships Duke of Cumberland & Derby.
3. Copy of the Letter to S^{t}. Hellena.
4. Invoice of Ship Aislabies Amount^{s}. to Pag^{s}. [*lacuna*].
5. Invoice of Ship Frances amount^{s}. to Pag^{s}. [*lacuna*].
6. Bill of Lading Ship Aislabie.
7. D°. Ship Frances.
8. Muster roll of Men.
9. List of Warlike Stores.
10. Register of private trade.
11. Calculate of the Tonnage.
12. Copy of the Dispatch.
13. List of Bills of Exchange in return for Coral.
14. Indent for Medicines.
15. Lists of Births Marriages & Burials.
16. Lists of Farms & Revenues.
17. Muster roll 1 Company.
18. D°. 2 Company.
19. D°. Peons.
20. D°. Gunroom Crew.
21. Account Curr^{t}. Ship George.
22. D°. Brig^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George a^{ls}. Madrass Galley.
23. Price Current.
24. Account Packing Stuff used on the Bales.
25. Account remains in the Import Warehouse.
26. List of Demands D°.
27. Account remains in the storehouse.
28. Indent for stores.
29. Abstract of what Sent to and rec^{d}. from the Bay.
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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 31, 1733.

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 9, pp. 27–29*]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

Since our Last by the Aislabie and Frances of which We now Send triplicate there has nothing extraordinary happend except the arrival of the George from Vizagapatam The Madrass Galley from Maddapollam and the Edward Mary & S^{t}. George from Ingeram all with Bales from those three Places, on Your account, The Ramah Edward & Charming Phillis Sloops and the Mary Brigantine all Loaden with Bales & on their way from Fort S^{t}. David will bring us about two hundred & Eighty Bales which Supplys with what our own Merchants have Done have enabled us to

put Seven hundred & fifty Bales on this Ship and to reserve at Least as many for the Eyles without keeping her too Late which will be about three hundred Bales more than her tonnage and We hope an acceptable Supply after so many years Disappointment from this Coast.

Off the seven hundred & fifty Bales on the Walpole Your Honours will find thirty six of the Maddapollam Cloth which We hope You will think good and that our Endeavours at that Port have been Crown'd with success. Notwithstanding that it comes to You under all Possible Disadvantages for when M^r. Graham arrived the[re] he found very few Washers and those from Long Disuse very Unskillfull those whom he has since Got have been so Little time there that they are not Yet Perfect in their Business and are so miserably Poor that they stole the rice which was Deliver'd them for Conjeeing the Cloth for food accordingly You will find most of it without any Conjee what is brown will be washed for the Eyles and when cured here We believe Your Honours will think it very good some We have been oblig'd to wash over again and had We had time for it should a great deal more.

The French have Sent another Ship to Europe with five hundred & fifty Bales of Peice Goods 120 Candy of Pepper and 200 Candy of Redwood.

Our Prospect for the ensuing Year is at present very Promising the Northern Settlements assures us of two thous^d, Bales Andiapah at Porto Novo Exerts himself and our own Merchants have not been Idle having brought in since signing their Contract Six hundred Bales and are every Day bringing more so that We hope by the end of February when it expires they will have very near if not wholly compleated it, The Fort S^t. David Merchants have Performed a great Deal more this than for some Years before thô, it be but a small matter in Comparison to what the[y] formerly Did and We hope they will not fall short again. Notwithstanding all this there are many Dificulties to Contend with Occassion'd from the want of money which is scarcer than was ever known The Causes of this scarcity of Coin are partly the stagnation of trade from the Country for so Long a time by which means the goods brought from other parts Lie Unsold in our Warehouses partly our Mocha & China Ships Leaving their Cargoes unsold but Chiefly the Sending all Your Silver for so many years to the Bay and Issuing so much of Your Cash for Purchase of more at Pondicherry That Large Quantitys of Broad Cloth on Your Merch^ts. hands has Drain'd them of all their ready money and of all that they have been able to raise so that instead of Lending their money to the English they now borrow from them and were it not for the Constant advances We make as fast as the Cloth comes in It would be impossible for them to provide any quantity while this practice of advancing them money which however We Do no[t] Do without being very well assured they have Sufficient to Secure us continues We need not apprehend any want of Cloth unless by accidents for which they cannot be answerable, as famine war or the Like but Should it once come to a Distrust of them or that they should be oblig'd to part with money for any other Purpose than the Purchasing of Cloth We Dread to think how inefectual all our Endeavours to recover Your Investment and bring it to the Condition it is now in will have proved that this is a Plain fact will appear from the small Performances of the Merch^ts. at Fort S^t. David whose Circumstances are so Low that it would be unsafe to advance them more than We Do which thô. as much as We Dare trust them with is yet too Little to Circulate among the Weavers and enable them to secure the Produce of the Looms from falling into other hands Could our Merchants once get rid of the Broad Cloth for which they are at Least One hundred thousand Pagodas already in Debt the Necessity of the advances We make them might Possibly cease this Load which the Expected Quantity by the next Ships will greatly encrease is the Cause why they have not made any Indent this Year We have however receivd proposals from Coja Thadeus son of Coja Agaperes Kalendar for five hundred & fifty Bales to be Delivered in the Year 1734 at thirty ℔ Cent advance if Your Honours judge proper to send it out, it will indeed be a Consumption of so much English manufacture but the Damage to your Merchants will be almost irreparable they have already on hand of what paid for 700 Bales, besides the Last Years thousand Bales contracted for and one thousand more to come in a few months some of this at thirty & some at thirty five ℔ Cent and most of the money at Interest

from hence Your Honours will easily judge that the present indent if Comply'd with will enable these People to undersell the others and thereby to Dispose of their Cloth while Your Merchants will be oblig'd to keep their Large Quantity and consequently will Still be in the greatest want of money for carrying on the Investment vigourously and We also shall continue under the necessity of making Large advancements to them.

These are our thoughts with respect to the present Indent which however We have sent to Your Honours and You will Do therein as You shall judge most proper.

Notwithstanding the Large Supply from the Money received for Bills of Exchange our Cash is very Low which has oblig'd us to melt Down all the fanams to prevent borrowing at Interest We have now again given Bills as here under on Your Honours w^{ch}. We Desire Your Acceptance of they run at the Usuall rate & time & such of them as are for Coral sold are entered in a Manifest apart.

The Bills of Exchange are as follows—

				£. S. D.	P. F. C.
1.	2.	3.	To Isaac Salvadore—or order.	247 : 5 : 4¾	618 : 6 : 20
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto.	188 : 19 : 6	472 : 15 : 61
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto.	484 : 4 : 1½	1210 : 18 : 41
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto.	222 : 5 : 5	555 : 24 : 32
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto.	1008 : 8 : 9½	2521 : 3 : 42
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto.	381 : 2 : 2	952 : 27 : 60
1.	2.	3.	To Moses Henriques Julian Junior or order	232 : — : 9	580 : 3 : 27
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto. ...	188 : 10 : 11¾	471 : 13 : 35
1.	2.	3.	To Jacob Mendez Da Costa or order	282 : 17 : 7¼	707 : 7 : 21
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto. ...	538 : 19 : —¾	1347 : 13 : 60
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto. ...	88 : 3 : 7½	220 : 16 : 25
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto. ...	156 : 11 : 4	391 : 15 : 1
1.	2.	3.	To Ditto. ...	513 : 18 : 6½	1284 : 29 : 38
1.	2.	3.	To Jacob Da Costa order ...	306 : 5 : 8¼	765 : 25 : 48
1.	2.	3.	To Abraham & Jacob Franco or order	115 : 19 : 10½	289 : 35 : 33
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			These three value of George Torriano.		
1.	2.	3.	To Richard Benyon Esq^{r}. for Account William Linsday of Antegoa on acco^{t}. Estate of Matt : Lin[s]day	1180 : 1 : 9½	2950 : 8 : 5
1.	2.	3.	To James Macrae Esq^{r}. ...	800 : — : —	2000 : — : —
			These two Setts value of John Roach.		
			5 Setts Dated 28 Instant.		

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1.	2.	3.	To Henry Newcome or order value of John Roach & Nicolas Morse	20: —: —	50: —: —
1.	2.	3.	To John Foxal or order value of Thos. Weston	399: 14: 3	999: 10: 16
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1.	2.	3.	To John Green or order value of Charles Peers	144: 5: 4	360: 24: —
	[.....]				
				£[9989]: 6: 3¼	24473: 10: [34]

The Cargo of Ship Walpole from this Port which We wish safe home to Your Honours amounts to forty nine thousand three hundred & four Pagodas, thirty four fanams & forty Eight Cash P, 49304: 34: 48 Captain Boddams Register to Rupees Thirty two thousand & nineteen R 32019 and three thousand five hundred sixty six Pagodas The Register of Diamonds, Rubies, Garnetts &c^{a}, to three thousand six hundred fifty seven, seventeen fanams & forty Cash. We Are

Fort S^{t}. George,
31st Jan^{ry}. 1732/3.

Honble
Your faithfull Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts},

George Morton Pitt
John Roach
James Hubbard
Samuel Hyde
Augustus Burton
Nicolas Morse
Francis Rous.

List of the Packet ℔ Ship Walpole.

N^{o}. 1. General Letter ℔ Walpole dated 31st January.
2. Triplicate of what sent ℔ Aislabie & Frances dated 13th Jan^{ry}.
3. Triplicate of Letter to S^{t}. Hellena.
4. Invoice of Ship Walpole.
5. Bill of Lading of Ship Walpole.
6. List of Packing stuff on Madrass Bales.
7. Calculate of Ship Walpoles Tonnage.
8. Muster roll of Ship Walpoles Men.
9. Survey of Warlike Stores.
10. Register of Private Trade ℔ Ship Walpole.
11. Register of Bills of Exchange in return for Coral.
12. Register of Diamonds Rubies &c^{a}.
13. List of Revenues from Fort S^{t}. George.
14. List of Companys Servants on the Coast of Choromandel.
15. List of Inhabitants & Seafaring Men in Fort S^{t}. George.
16. Cowles & Commissions since the 27th August.
17. Two Letters received since making up the Book.
18. An Indent for Broad Cloth from Coja Thadeus Auga Peres Kalendar.
19. Copy of Captain Boddams Dispatch.

List of Books.

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2. Letters received from N°. 1 to 12.
3. Letters Sent from 6th to 24th January 1732/3.
4. Cash Account for the Month of January 1732/3.
5. List of Ships from 1st to 29th January 1732/3.
6. Vizagapatam Consultations from 1st Jan^{y}. to Ult°. Nov^{r}. 1732.
7. Ingeram Journal Letter FF from 1st May 1731 to Ult°. April 1732.
8. Ingeram Ledger Letter FF.
9. Records of the Mayors Court Anno 1732.
10. S^{t}. Marys Church Ledger [1mo] Nov^{r}. 1731
31, Octo^{r}. 1732.
11. Journal Parcels for December 1732.
12. Paymasters Acco^{t}. Current from P^{mo}. Jan^{ry}., to Ult°. December 1732.

Letter from G. M. Pitt & others to S^{t}. Helena, dated January 13, 1733.

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 9, p. 30.*]

To the Worshipf^{LL}, Isaac Pyke Esq^{R}.
Gov^{R}. &c^{a}. Council of S^{t}. Hellena

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 27th March 1732 came to hand from the West Coast Lately when We have an Opportunity of Sending any goods to you We shall observe to send them as Customary.

There is Little Probability that any trees or plants should Live from this place to S^{t}. Hellena and if they would the returning Ships are Generally so full that it would be very inconvenient to the Commander to Carry them to you.

Our Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbrough have Complain'd to us that you have detained with You seven of the Soldiers design'd them such Usage is what We could not have Expected from you and it is very improbable You should have any [O]ccassion for so doing, We have wrote our Honble Masters about it who will We Suppose give You their orders hereupon. We are

Fort S^{t}. George
13th Jan^{ry} 1733.

Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants
George Morton Pitt &c^{a}.

General Letter from Fort S^{t}. George to the Company, dated February 8, 1733.

[*Public Despatches to England, vol. 9, p. 31.*]

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honble United Company
of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable

When We Dispatch'd the Walpole We told your Honours We should have seven hundred & fifty Bales on board the Eyles in time in February and We promised [our]selves to have Sent her away by the 10th Instant with Eight hundred & fifty Bales at Least, but Yesterday at Noon the Captain Received Advice from on board that the ship had sprung a Leak and had upwards of three foot Water in the Hold The

Captain went of immediately with all the Assistance the place could give him and finding most of the Lower tire of Salt Petre wash'd out he is unlivering his Ship in order to find out the Leak if Possible If he doth & can Stop it We shall Send her away if after due Surveying of her she be found fit to proceed by the end of this Month if not We Send this Letter by way of Bengal where probably it may meet the Last of the Homeward bound Ships from thence or meet the homeward bound Ships from the Malabar Coast that your Honours may not be in pain for her We are heartily Concern'd for this Accident since You will be Disappointed of so Considerable a Quantity of Coast Goods if the Ship doth not proceed to prevent which We shall give the Captain all Possible Assistance. We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
8TH FEBRUARY 1732/3.

HONOURABLE
Your faithfull Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.

GEORGE MORTON PITT
JOHN ROACH
JAMES HUBBARD
SAMUEL HYDE
AUGUSTUS BURTON
NICOLAS MORSE
FRANCIS ROUS.

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